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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TOMMY MONK (Birmingham).—We have received a letter from Joe Vickers on the subject, who reminded us of a conversation we had together about two years ago on the subject of Gallitt Harding and Tom Dorey, when we then expressed our doubts about a lad over 5ft 8in weighing 7st 4lb. Vickers says Dorey could hit "like a horse kicking." However, it is a case of 2 to 1 against, as we remember the late Charley Franks training you at his house off Goswell Street, for a contest in London. You must have been a midget when you sparred with Gallitt Harding and Tom Dorey. Gallitt Harding fought as far back as 1861.

J. CONNOR (Glasgow).—The party you mention danced Walter Munro and won.

W. G. HINTON (Sheerness).—F. Barrett did not ride in the 1893 Derby; the race was won by Isinglass and ridden by Tommy Loates, owner, Mr. McCalmont. Fred Barrett won his first and only Derby in 1888, on the Duke of Portland's Ayrshire.

JAS. REVAN (Perth).—The boxer you mention has not taken part as a principal for some years. The last boxer he met was Dave Wallace, of London.

H. MERCIER.—They are both men of colour.

G. BLUNT.—Star Pointer paced a mile in 1min 59¼sec.

RIPON.—1. With 4oz gloves. 2. Twenty rounds.

T. V.—Yes; George Dixon was in England in 1890.

O. L. A.—On the Crystal Palace track.

JOHN S. DOYLE.—Permit received with thanks. The portrait with record will appear in an early number.

J. YEATES.—He is an amateur.

T. READER.—In the year 1840.

C. A. LUKER.—The horse never ran as a four-year-old.

MOTOR.—There was no race in 1890.

J. J.—Yes, for the championship of England.

E. X. S.—100 yards has been covered in 9 4-5sec.

NOVELTY.—No contest at less weight than 8st 4lb.

T. D. S.—Tom Sayers retired in 1860.

C. O.—The feather-weight limit is 9st

T. J. WILLIAMS.—He was beaten on a foul.

C. OXFORD.—1. James J. Jeffries has twice beaten him. 2. Yes.

A. GREEN.—1. Fitzsimmons won in 14rds. 2. Yes, a knock out.

J. P.—1. Skopos won the Liverpool Cup. 2. J. Reiff.

F. H. HOLKER.—Three years ago.

G. A. SMITH.—J. D. Lee hopped 100 yards in 13 3-5sec.

D. A.—No time was officially taken.

J. KINGSTON.—At the National Sporting Club.

T. W. HEPPER.—1. Both under 8st 4lb. 2. Yes.

J. MORRIS.—1. Snowflight won in 1882. 2. Hornpipe.

G. W. TATE.—At the County Grounds, Bristol.

J. H. VILLAY.—He had 343 mounts in 1899.

T. WALKER.—1. Joe Walcott, the black, was born on April 7, 1872. 2. About 5ft. 1¼in. 3. Just over 10st.

J. ROXBURGH (Walker-on-Tyne).—Jemmy Lowes, Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will furnish you with information desired.

ALF HOBBS.—Paced by a motor.

T. WHEATFIELD.—Sheffield United won the cup in 1899.

*(Several Answers crowded out.)*

# THE INTER-UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE—A GRAND STRUGGLE.

## THE CONTEST FOR THE "HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE NORTH."

THOSE who sported the Light Blue on Saturday morning had no reason to be ashamed of their colour, for the defeat of the Cambridge crew was a glorious one. On paper and in the betting the race was all over bar the proverbial shouting, and Oxford was the winner; but there must have been several occasions during the journey when the layers of odds would have gladly hedged their money and backed the Light Blues. This race has been inaugurated three-quarters of a century, but never has a finer race been seen in more cheerless weather. Cold, wet, and windy was the prospect in the shape of the elements that met the rival crews—a wind and a downpour enough to daunt the stoutest hearts. Yet from start to finish never was a finer race rowed in more troubled water. It is a pity there cannot be two winners, but Cambridge was a grand loser. The English bottom was never better displayed than in the conduct of the Oxford crew. With the worst station and the roughest possible water, their boat shipping pailfuls of the aqueous element, they yet stuck to their work in a manner to excite the wonderment of foreigners and make them wonder at the dogged perseverance of Englishmen. Try as they would—and no crew ever tried harder—the Cambridge crew could not get away from their sturdy opponents. It was a neck and neck race from start to finish. It is more often than not asserted that Hammersmith Bridge is the crucial point of the race, and the crew first under this structure is more often than not the eventual winner, one or other crew cracking up when this coign of vantage is reached. Saturday's race, however, proved the exception to the rule. First through the buoy went Cambridge, but Oxford could not be shaken off. Spurt after spurt by the captain was responded to by the crew, but Oxford hung on relentlessly as fate. The Dark Blues should have been beaten according to orthodox riverside logic several times during the course of the journey, but they were not. The bows of each boat reached the winning goal almost simultaneously, but the verdict went to Oxford. "A win by two feet." This is almost a record in the history of the Boat Race. From Putney to Mortlake the distance is as nearly as possible four miles and a half. Yet the rival crews were almost locked together during the whole of the journey in their frantic endeavours to win pride of place. Football has usurped the place once held by sculling, and a contest for the possession of the "Cup" has now predominance in public favour over the inter-university boat race; but one cannot help reading the struggle of last Saturday with beating pulse, and wishing there were more of the classic manhood which propelled those boats with a gameness which should be a lesson to some of those Britishers who surrendered without a try—one of the many blots in the South African war.

Years after a University boat race, when one or other member of the rival crews has taken high honours in Church, State, or Bar, more acclaim is given to the fact that he rowed in the "boat race" of such a year than to all his intellectual and moral worth. And with what pride will both crews point to the inter-University contest of 1901. What the V.C. is to the man of war, a seat in the boat of the University crew is to the man of peace; and while this is so, who dare say that England is a played-out nation?

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It was asking George Chrisp, of Newcastle, something to take on a young, strong fellow like Ben Taylor, of Woolwich, but he succeeded, to the astonishment of his friends. When Chrisp sparred with Jem Jeffries, the world's champion, at the Aquarium, the disparity in the size of the men was so great that it looked like a man and a boy contest, Jeffries only showing what he could do and did not. On Monday night this same Chrisp is pitted against a man ten years younger, five inches taller, at least a stone the heavier, and with an extension of arms inches longer than Jem Jeffries, for the "Heavy-weight championship of the North," but how could Taylor, by his display on Monday evening, ever hope to hold the "heavy-weight championship of the North" when he is beaten by a man properly trained who should enter the ring little over eleven stone, and not twelve as reported? This was reported to be for the "heavy-weight championship of England," but as we stated last week, that championship, according to the answers given in the two daily sports, is in the hands of a man who offered to knock out Chrisp in a certain number of rounds, and nearly succeeded in accomplishing this feat—in fact, would have done so if Chrisp had stood up and had a fight instead of making the best use of the ring in order to stay the stipulated time. As a money display it may be all right, but we cannot understand it as one to find out a heavy-weight champion. Taylor's form has now been exposed. The victor had no credentials to oppose a youth who aspired to be pugilistic champion of England, and who has thrown down the gauntlet to all comers. Either Ben Taylor was the veriest impostor or Chrisp has shown a lot of undiscovered form in this match. That it was a popular one is evinced by the fact that the humbler class were quite ready to spend at least a couple of sova. to view the contest. A journey to the coaly Tyne and back at this season of the year at the most reduced fare and the price of admission would cost at least this or more; and quite a quantity of Ben Taylor's friends from the dockyard town journeyed to Newcastle in order to see how the "Woolwich Infant" would shape. The story of the contest is soon told. It was the case of a raw, inexperienced youth against a lesser man, apparently well versed in the rules of the game. The only chance Taylor appeared to have was in the first round, when Chrisp was down nearly the stipulated time from a punch on the head. In the third round Chrisp began to show his ability, and soon had the Woolwich champion in trouble. Strange to say, the big man had less punching power than his rival, eventually knocking out Taylor in the eighth round.

# JIMMY DAVENPORT, OF AMERICA.

**Now in England, Ready to Meet any Boxer in the 9st Division.**

*(With Portrait.)*

JIMMY DAVENPORT, of Boston, Mass., U.S.A., is a clever boxer who has recently arrived in England. He has beaten Billy Curran, 3rds; Jack Sullivan, 4rds; "Mart" Glory, 6rds; knocked out Charles Wheeler, 4rds; beat Jack Gorman, 8rds; knocked out Billy Mahoney, 4rds; knocked out "Tony" Gardner, 3rds; beat Jack Burke, 6rds; beat Jack Dreyer, 4rds; beat Jimmy Gorman, 2rds; beat Jimmy McDonald, 6rds; beat Bobby Ringwood, 12rds; Henry Brakeman, 8rds; knocked out Gordon, 4rds; draw with Bob Allen, 8rds; beat Tom Devine, 6rds; beat "Jig" Stone, 6rds; beat Ned Maher, 6rds; knocked out Bob Russell, 3rds; beat Jack Fraser, 6rds; beat Peter Manning, 6rds; Frank Scott, 3rds; Tommy Hefferman, 3rds; knocked out Melvie Ton, 2rds; beat Jack Rogers, 3rds; knocked out Jack O'Connell, 4rds; beat "Chic" Monahan, 1rd; beat Jack Cunningham, 8rds; draw with Joe Robinson, 6rds; beat Jack Foley, 8rds; fought two draws with Maurice Rosenberg, 20rds each; beat Ben De Barry, 18rds; beat Frank Connell twice, 20rds each; draw with Young Peter Jackson, 8rds; beat Harry Page, 8rds; beat Billy Critch, 8rds; knocked out Young Griffin, 1rd.

# AN ESCAPED BEAR VISITS A DRINKING SALOON.

**After Tasting and Sampling Several Bottles in an Easy Capture.**

*(Subject of Illustration.)*

THE customers in Tom Logan's saloon, near Bedlington, received a fright which they will not readily forget. About 11.30 an intruder in the shape of an enormous bear entered the door to the general consternation; those inside being unable to make for the door bolted behind the counter, a few managed to get through the window. Fortunately bruin was on a peaceful mission, and, like themselves, was only looking for a drink; on entering, he rose on his hind legs and proceeded to demolish several bottles of liquor, and drank it with evident relish, taking no notice of two keepers, who, with a rope, secured the runaway, to the intense relief of those trapped behind the counter.

# HARRY KELLEY.

**The Veteran Aquatic Champion.**

*(With Portrait.)*

"THE pink of watermen and the perfection of scullers." Such was the title once upon a time given to this famous sculler by the "Daily Telegraph." Harry's good fortune has not improved with the times, and his friends are now making an appeal on his behalf. Kelley, who is now resident at Newcastle-on-Tyne, was born at Fulham in 1832, and was the son of a waterman. Early in life he acquired the knowledge of rowing. His first noteworthy performance was a victory at the then newly-established Thames National Regatta at Putney, in 1854, and three years later he defeated the champion, James Messenger, of Teddington. His memorable championship race with Joseph Sadler resulted first in a foul, and secondly in a fiasco, legal proceedings being afterwards successfully taken by Sadler against the stakeholder. Kelley's active career ceased in the early "seventies," one of his last races of note being the four-oared contest against the St. John's crew on the Kennebecassis River, when Renforth, who was stroke, fell helpless into the arms of Kelley, who was No. 3, and died within a few hours, foul play being strongly suspected.

# FIRE AND PANIC AT A BULL-FIGHT.

**Many Killed and Injured at Bilbao.**

*(Subject of Illustration.)*

BULL-FIGHTING is the national sport of Spain, and in most of the large cities the bull rings are well patronised by the people, all classes flocking in their thousands if a well-known matador is advertised to oppose the bulls. Just outside the town of Bilbao a large covered enclosure had been erected, and as usual a bull-fight was the attraction. It was during the exhibition, and while the bull was in the ring, that the place caught on fire. The panic-stricken people, regardless of danger, jumped into the arena, and trampled each other down to escape. The bulls, liberated, charged among the people, killing some and injuring many others. Fifteen lives were lost and sixty injured.

# THE BAL MASQUE.

**What the Morning Light Disclosed After the Feast.**

*(Subject of Illustration.)*

THE Bal Masque was over, the feast had disappeared with the wine, and so also had some of the mummers who took part in it, but some remained overcome by the wine and hours of revelry, and had fallen asleep. A figure reclining on the table with the goblet overturned, another under the table half hidden by the folds of the cloth, while here and there they sat or slept in different positions in the hall of pleasure, and at early morn the light stealing through the windows found the tired guests still in the arms of Morpheus.

# TOM KEEBLE,

**The Humorous Singer Who Has Won Competitions.**

*(With Portrait.)*

TOM KEEBLE is twenty-five years of age, and is noted as a successful humorous singer. Some time ago Tom entered a competition at the People's Empire and Eastern Palace of Varieties, where he carried off the first prize.

# VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

AMONG the prominent people who have visited us this week are:—

Mr. Bert A. Dorman (manager).
Harry Harris (Chicago, U.S.A.).
Sammy Kelly (New York, U.S.A.).
"Artie" Sims (Akron, U.S.A.).
Alf Broadbank.
Charlie Broadbank.
"Ginger" Mallett.
Bert Reeve (walker).
Jack Fairclough.
Arthur Wilson.
Harry Smith (Birmingham).
Bill Hullett.
George Mason (Bombardier, R.A.).
Harry Hughes (father of Johnny Hughes).
Professor A. J. Newton.
Joe Goodwin.
Alf Lloyd.
Mr. J. Reed (Plymouth).
"Barney" Scannel (the "French Count").
Joe Smith (boxing promoter).
Charley Pendley.
Professor Bill Natty.
Charley Smirke.
"Ginger" Elliott.
Dan Sullivan.
Morgan Crowther (S. Wales ex-bantam champion).
Mr. S. Cox (Bristol).
Mr. A. Avant (Amateur Bantam Champion, 1899).

## AMERICAN GOSSIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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According to a despatch from Columbus, champion Jem Jeffries has decided to give Jem Corbett a return match, provided the latter will agree to go to a finish. This announcement will no doubt surprise many of the brawny boiler-maker's friends, as Jeffries has often said that he would sidetrack Corbett because of the reports of "Pompadour Jem's" contest with "Kid" McCoy at Madison Square Garden last summer. The champion is quoted as having said, "I know Jem Corbett can put it all over me in six rounds. He is a clever sparrer, and would make a showing that would certainly win for him in that length of time. He could make me look like 30 cents. So no friend of mine would make a six rounds match for me with him. But in a finish fight he knows as well as everybody else that he would have absolutely no chance." Corbett's showing against Jeffries at Coney Island last May was a revelation to the sports. The boiler-maker after the contest said that he would have whipped the ex-champion in less than fifteen rounds had not Corbett made a running match of it. Billy Brady tried to bring Corbett and Jeffries together at Chicago a few months ago, but at the last moment the authorities interfered, and the affair fell through. It is not thought that Corbett will agree to fight Jeffries, even should he be persuaded to do so. In a finish fight the impression prevails that Jeffries ought to win easily, as Corbett is not strong enough to withstand the blows of the champion in a contest for endurance.

The fight between "Kid" Carter and Jimmy Handler before the Nutmeg A.C., Hartford, had an unexpected and unsatisfactory ending. Carter lost the bout on a foul in the fourth round. Both men entered the ring in splendid condition, and both were putting up a fine fight. Honours were about even, though Carter was beginning to show greater steadiness and speed than his opponent. It looked as though he would be the winner, but Handler was by no means out of the reckoning. Carter tried several times to get in low body blows, and probably more by accident than intent he dealt Handler a severe blow below the belt, and Handler went to the floor in pain. The blow was so evidently foul that there was nothing left for the referee, Charley White, to do but to declare it so, and to give the fight to Handler. Carter cried for disappointment. Tom Smith, announced as the light-weight champion of Ireland, fell in the third round before Jack Burke, of Brooklyn. They were to have gone fifteen rounds at catch-weights.

At Chicago, Ill., champion Jem Jeffries broke two of Jack ("Bull") Flaherty's ribs last night. Flaherty is a well-known saloon keeper.

The encounter took place in front of the Academy of Music. Flaherty had been brooding over the fact that he lost 500dols on Sharkey in the latter's fight with Jeffries. As Jeffries stepped out of the main entrance of the Academy Flaherty swung his ponderous right at the jaw of the champion. Jeffries caught the blow just back of the ear and it staggered him. Flaherty came back with a hot left, aimed at the same point. Then there was trouble for Flaherty. The champion blocked the second punch and gathered the large form of the saloon keeper in his bearlike embrace. When Jeffries' brawny arms closed around Flaherty the saloon keeper yelled for help. It came in the form of a policeman, who pried the men apart.

Charley Mitchell, former champion pugilist of England, saw Terry McGovern let himself out the other night in a hot bout in private. Mitchell was agreeably surprised at the feather-weight champion's speed and punching power, and said of him: "That husky little chap could go over to England and whip all of the boys, ye know, big and small. He could be champion of England if he wanted to go after the title, which isn't worth a blooming sovereign nowadays. It is easy to see how he trimmed 'Pedlar' Palmer so easily."

The executive committee of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen at the Marlborough Hotel last night disqualified John A. Rumohr as an amateur oarsman, because of suspicious circumstances in his career as an oarsman. Rumohr is at present a member of the Harlem Rowing Club. Action in the case of E. H. Ten Eyck, who refused to go to Paris, was deferred, he claiming he obeyed the mandate of his club. In the case of Conley, of Pittsburg, his application for reinstatement was refused, as the committee decided he has become a professional. John A. Rumohr, the oarsman, has announced that he is matched to row Jake Gaudaur for the world championship and 1,000dols a-side. He is now in St. Paul, Minn. The conditions of the match will be settled in a day or two. He will row double with Durnan this season.

Maxey Long, the international champion sprinter, yesterday announced that he will race no more. He will from now on devote himself to business. Long won the international championship at the Paris Exposition. On his return he broke all records. Few champions have been more successful. His place in the sprinters' ranks will be hard to fill.

THE TATTLER.

## GEORGE CHRISP, OF NEWCASTLE,

**Who Met Ben Taylor, of Woolwich, at the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, on Monday Evening, April 1.**

*(With Portrait.)*

George Chrisp was at one time the feature of boxing at Newcastle, where he was considered the best at his weight in the provinces, and a match for any middleweight Londoner. He has beaten Jemmy Lowes, Harry Downie, and Ted Reat. Beat Joe Smith, 4rds; beaten by Jerry Driscoll; beaten by Charlie Johnson, of America; beat Jem Smith, 5rds; beat Jack Howley, 6rds; beat E. W. Rollins ("Starlight"), of Australia, 12rds; beat Jem Richardson, 8rds; beaten by Frank W. Craig (the "Coffee Cooler"), in 12rds; knocked out Harry Smith in 14rds. Met Ben Taylor at the Standard Theatre, April 1, and won in 8rds.

## ELOPES WITH HER LOVER.

**Father in Pursuit, but Fails to Find the Runaways.**

*(Subject of Illustration.)*

A young girl named Mary Budthorp is now being sought for by her stern and unyielding parent. Only the other week she was in safe custody under her father's roof, but last week her lover, who was denied the house, at early morning brought round his horse prepared to elope with the girl of his affections. At a favourable moment she appeared, and he quickly lifted her into the saddle and dashed away just as her father appeared on the scene. He at once started in pursuit, but up to the present has failed to find traces of the runaway couple.

## NEARLY KILLED HIS WIFE.

**Struck Her With a Glass on the Head.**

*(Subject of Illustration.)*

A Frenchman who had deserted his wife and was living with another woman in the Rue Rossini committed a murderous attack. His wife, finding his whereabouts, paid the man a visit, and asked him for some money. This enraged him, and in reply he seized a glass and struck the woman on the head, inflicting a dreadful wound which necessitated her removal to the hospital, while the man was conveyed in custody to prison, to await the charge of attempted murder. The victim's life was at first despaired of, but she is now out of danger, thus saving the man's neck from the guillotine.

## THE CLEVEREST DOG IN UTAH

**"Jack" the Pointsman on the Union and Pacific Railway.**

*(Subject of Illustration.)*

At a level crossing on the Union and Pacific Railway the son of a pointsman has taught his dog "Jack" to act the part of caretaker. Just before the train arrives the dog takes up his position close to the rails, with two flags. If the gates are shut and the train is to proceed, he picks up the white flag and stand on his hindlegs; if the gate is to be opened, he will pick up the red flag, which brings the train to a standstill, and warns those approaching of danger. This intelligent animal wears a collar, on which is inscribed "Union Pacific Pointsman, Utah."

## OUR LETTER BOX.

The following letters are now lying at The Mirror of Life office, and will be forwarded on receipt of stamped addressed envelope:—

Harry Chamberlain.
Billy Ross (two).
Bobby Dobbs (America) (two).
Joe Gans (Baltimore) (two).
Tom Burrows (South Africa).
Frank Craig (the "Coffee Cooler").
Professor C. Pendley.
George Penny (of Kentish Town).
T. Naish.
Harry Smith (Bermondsey).
Jack Scarrott.
P. I. Newell.
Robert Fitzsimmons (America) (three).
Jim Holloway (South Africa).
H. Chance Newton.
"Greek" George.
Ernie Greaves.
Charles Connolly.
Jim Corbett (New York).
Jim Hall (Australia).
George Slark.
W. J. Abbott.
Driver Pincher (late Royal Artillery).
Claude Thompson.
A. McDonald.
Frank Leon (two).

## MR. CHARLES SCULLARD,

**A Prominent and Well-Known Licensed Victualler.**

*(With Portrait.)*

The gentleman, of whom we give a striking portrait on another page, is a native of Southampton, and early in life showed that he possessed the business acumen that has enabled him to be the possessor of a large number of the most valuable licensed houses in the metropolis, north, south, east, and west. He has laid under tribute the Britannia, Berwick Street, Oxford Street; the Duke of Argyle, Great Pulteney Street; the Prince of Wales, New North Road; the Railway Tavern, Clapham Road Station; the White Hart, Tottenham Court Road; the King's Arms, John Street, Theobald's Road; the Bull and Gate, Kentish Town; the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green; and further enhanced their value and appearance, particularly the two latter, by making them veritable palaces. He is now located on his native heath, 73, Above Bar, Southampton. He is very keen in the matter of sport; a member of the N.S.C., he is frequently seen there whenever anything interesting is on the boards. He does not forget old friends and faces, and is ever ready to extend the hand of friendship to those with whom he comes in contact.

## A STRANGE ANIMAL AMONG THE AUDIENCE.

**Men and Women Stampede to a Place of Safety.**

*(Subject of Illustration.)*

A theatrical company had engaged the largest structure in the town. This was a barn capable of holding about three hundred people, lighted by oil lamps suspended from the beams above. The stage with its scenery looked pretty realistic, and the band, after the usual tuning of instruments, struck up a lively tune, while the audience seated and settled themselves in their seats to watch the play. Suddenly, in the centre, several persons sprang to their feet. The women screamed, the men shouted, and the bandsmen, thinking there was an earthquake, left the stage, while the rest of the audience tried to escape. This commotion was caused by a large stoat or weasel, which ran among the legs of the people, biting whenever it had the chance, causing quite a panic.

## JAMES REID,

**A Light-Weight Boxer, late of the 4th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers.**

*(With Portrait.)*

Jem Reid commenced boxing five years ago. His first fight was in a boxing school, when he knocked out a well-known boxer in 10rds. He has beaten the following men: Pat Walsh, 1rd; Jem Nolan, 2rds; Jem McDermott, 3rds: Clarke, 3rds; Jem Hanley, 6rds; P. McGowell twice, in 2 and 6rds; Mickey Crilly twice, in 11 and 6rds; P. Byrne, 11rds; D. Murphy, 3rds; J. Burke, 6rds; P. Whelan, 3rds; P. Doyle twice, 2 and 1rds; Private Byrne, Royal Horse Artillery, 6rds; J. Casey, 3rds; Jack Marnell, 4rds; draw with "Chum" Ledwedge, of Clonturf, 15rds; fought for the light-weight championship of the army, and has beaten the following men for the same: Sergeant-Instructor Dent, Private Brockwell, 1st Dragoon Guards; Private Hook, 13th Hussars; Private Crutchley, 11th Hussars; Drummer Spencer, 5th Royal Warwickshire Regiment; beaten in the final by Lance-Corporal Sanders, 2nd South Wales Borderers.

## ALFRED DE COSTA.

**A Well-Known Bookmaker and Patron of Boxing.**

*(With Portrait.)*

Alf started as a bookmaker about thirty years ago in Liverpool. He stopped in Liverpool about sixteen years, and then went to Brighton, but he only goes to suburban meetings, always in the 10s ring, and by prompt payment and civility he has got a tidy connection, especially round Sussex. He has always had a liking for boxing, and gave several prizes a year in Brighton for amateurs, and also at every show that "Pop." gives at Newmarket, and being a pretty good judge is often asked to stand as judge or referee. Sixteen years ago he won the captaincy of his club at the Athenæum Club, Margaret Street, Liverpool, beating in the final the late Albert Smith, of Liverpool, a gentleman well-known in racing circles. He was champion amateur sprinter at that time. There is not a show that goes on of any note in London that he has not been connected with.


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## LOST AND FOUND.

"I called in answer to an advertisement for a boy," said a bright-faced little chap to Mr. Goldstein, the mill owner, who was a bulky, red-faced man. He was about to leave his private carriage to enter the office when thus accosted. With him was a golden-haired little girl, who listened to the boy with eager interest. "Well, how old are you and where have you been working?" said the mill owner, looking at the lad sharply. "I came from the country, sir, where my mother and I worked in a small mill since father died. Now she is gone and so I came here to the big city hoping to find a better job." "Well, you are too young, and a boy that don't know the city is of no use to me. My advice is to go back to your former home," said Goldstein in a tone of dismissal of the subject, then he turned to his driver and said: "Take Miss Alice where she wants to go." The boy—Philip Martin by name—felt a lump rise in his throat and with a discouraged feeling walked listlessly down the thoroughfare. He had no home or friends and no shelter. Furthermore, he had spent nearly all his money in getting to the city. While meditating on what should be his next move he felt a gentle touch upon his arm and heard a sweet, low, childish voice say: "Never mind, here's a card with the name of my uncle on it, and he will give you work." Turning he saw again the face of the mill owner's daughter, Alice Goldstein. "It is all right," said she, "and never mind thanking me. I'd like the same thing happen to Will—that's my brother—if he was alone in a big city." Philip opened the paper containing the card and inside was a bright new half-a-crown. So unexpected was it all that as soon as the little Samaritan departed he burst into tears, whereupon some little fellows in passing called him "cry baby." Feeling very tired he sat down on one of the park seats intending to seek Alice's uncle when he had recovered his mental balance. He fell fast asleep and when he awoke the parcel which he brought from home containing a valuable recipe, a bible and his mother's photo had disappeared. Gradually, however, he thought of the little girl, of the card which bore the name of a possible employer and of his empty stomach. he thought of her and half-a-crown brought hope and comfort, so he proceeded to a restaurant and had his first square meal since arriving in the city. On leaving the place he again saw the Goldstein carriage and the fair Samaritan, who beckoned him to her side, and, much to his astonishment, held up the missing parcel, which had been stolen from him while asleep. Twenty years have passed since Philip Martin and Alice Goldstein met. During that time Phillip secured a good position and took up a study of medicine. He was now a prosperous physician, and one night was called into consultation, the case being that of a young man dying in squalor. As he entered the room his eyes met those of a beautiful young woman, who rose and extended both hands appealingly to him. "Do you not remember me?" said she; "do you not recall your first attempt to secure work in London." "Ah, indeed I do. Can this be the little Samaritan who saved me from despair? I tried in vain to keep track of you, but they told me you were travelling and I fancied you had settled down in married life. Maybe it is so:" "No," said she, "and I've done better by you, for I've followed your career these many years, and congratulate you on your great success with the Little Diamond Liver Pills." The doctor then listened to the painful story of the patient, who was the brother of Alice—the "black sheep of the family," who from boyhood had been alienated from his father and sister, was reinstated for awhile in his father's good graces, but later, through speculation, brought financial ruin and a suicide's end for the father. Dainty Alice, who had been supporting herself by teaching music, discovered his whereabouts, but too late, for he was at death's door. Dr. Martin on taking his leave said: "By the way, tell me how you found the parcel that day." "Well, I kept you in sight and so witnessed the act of the thief, and Jim, the coachman, made him give it up." As they stood talking Alice's eye fell on an old coin and a ring worn on the doctor's chain. The doctor read her thoughts and said: "Yes, that's the same coin, and it has been indeed a charm! There is my mother's photo, and, as you know, the recipe for the Little Diamond Liver Pills have saved many lives and reaped a fortune." They parted, but not before Alice's consent was given to his future calls, which resulted six months later in Dr Martin's marriage to fair Alice. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road, West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½d., per box of forty.—[Advt.]

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**FIRE AND PANIC AT A BULL FIGHT.**

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**WRESTLING AT BRIXTON AND** Greenwich.—This week Jack Carkeek, the King of Wrestlers, has been taking on all comers at both the Empress, Brixton, and the Greenwich Palace of Varieties, Stockwell Street, Greenwich. Londoners do not know how to wrestle, and there are but few professional athletes that care to contest on the terms of £10 to nothing. There are towns in the Midlands and North of England where it would not be hard to find hundreds of wrestlers, while in the great metropolis one would have to work hard to find many that could be called first class. Thus it will be easily seen why the few first-class wrestlers that are to be found in London come up time and time again to compete with the champion of champions. Besides having a chance of getting £10 for their trouble they extend their knowledge of the art and get into condition. This really is the reason of such champions as Tom Cannon, Joe Carroll, Fred Riggs, Ted Johnson, Tom Odgers, Williams (Blackheath), Sylvester (Bow), Karvel (Wigan), &c., coming forward to compete, the £10 note being a secondary consideration. The athletes must keep in condition or get stale, as wrestlers are far different to boxers. The latter can get into condition by such exercises as running, rowing, swimming, football, cricket, cycling, baseball, &c., while for the other branch of sport only wrestling can keep a man fit. This was seen on Saturday at the Empress, Brixton, when a champion in the personage of Gustave Oleson (Sweden) took on Carkeek. The first named only arrived, accompanied by his manager, in England during the week, and seeing that Carkeek was giving a "tenner" to anybody that lasted fifteen minutes, asked to be allowed to contest, with the result detailed further on. He was dead out of condition, and seemed to have stage fright, but Carkeek did all the work, and threw him easily. It is a terrific task to throw a champion weighing some 16st in fifteen minutes, but the American is really the champion of the world, and when he once gets set for duty there is no telling what he may accomplish. The company at the Empress was a very good one, and, as usual, the wrestling was the attraction, filling the hall to its utmost capacity night after night. Besides Carkeek there was billed on the programme such turns as Charles Adams, Pulo, Ada Twibble, Ted Young, Alice Leamar, Arthur Lloyd, the Herald Comedy Four, Sisters Bosanquet, Tom Leamore, Maud Mortimer, Rezene and Robini, G. W. Hunter, Binns and Binns, Walter Stanley, and May Henderson. The last named lady sings delightful coon songs, and in spite of the fact that she was next to Carkeek, fairly carried the audience away with her singing and dancing. On Monday Peter Ajax (France) had a try for the £10 note, but though putting up a great bout was defeated before the call of time. Fred Riggs, of Birmingham, had a go on Tuesday, and gained both cash and fame. The Brum is almost champion at his weight, and while in London contests with Carkeek simply because he can learn points from the American every time he competes. He has improved considerably since he first met Carkeek at Camberwell, and, for a time, can hold his own even with the champion of the world. He is in London for his annual holiday, and we should advise him, when he has won the match he is training for, to come to the metropolis and keep taking on the American. A very scientific wrestler, it is a good thing for him, and if he only gains a £10 note in a week that will pay him. Joe Klein, the bear trainer, went up on Wednesday and wrestled far better than ever, only suffering defeat towards the end of the journey. Riggs extended the time on Thursday, but though he lasted over 15min fell weak, and, taking full advantage of it, Carkeek gained a fall before the time limit (20min) expired. Thursday saw Tom Odgers (Cornwall) go for money and notoriety, but, though he understands a little Greco-Roman, he suffered a reverse. He is a champion in the Cornish and Devon mode, but Carkeek's challenge is to meet wrestlers in the catch-as-catch-can or Greco-Roman styles only. On Saturday no less a champion than Gustave Oleson came forward, but was beaten under ten minutes. One night a lad under 12st asked to compete, and Carkeek offered a purse if he would contest with his wrestling partner (Collins), who was lighter than Bohoman. The latter accepted, but Collins took it very calmly, and won very easily. When the referee touched Bohoman, the latter said, "I am not down," whereupon Collins said, "All right, I'll keep you here till you say you are," which very soon was said. At Greenwich a local man named Johnson asked to be allowed to compete on Monday, but without any good results, as Carkeek threw him very easily. On Tuesday the Swiss champion, Victor Jaxon, went up, and a magnificent trial was seen, at the close of which Jaxon asked to be allowed another chance on the succeeding evening. This proved a magnificent set-to, but without any good results, as the American won before the time limit expired. On Wednesday two bouts took place, Max Muller meeting Carkeek's partner, Collins, but suffered a reverse before the call of time. On Thursday Mr. Williams was not present at the roll-call, and a big Dane who works in the docks and said his name was Johnson took up the gauntlet. Sharp work did Carkeek make of it, as he threw the Dane in 1min 40sec. Williams had appeared as they got on the stage, and as the bout was over quickly he was told to get ready, only to be defeated in 4min. Jack Wannop was the contestant on Friday, and though putting up a great show was extra beefy. He lasted for a time, and Carkeek settled him before the fifteen minutes had been called. Joe Dove, of Poplar, contested on Saturday, and put up a really good fight for supremacy, but just before the close was felled by the champion. Mr. Walliker (the genial stage manager) acted as M.C. and timekeeper at Greenwich, while at the Empress the officials were: timekeeper, that grand old sport, Billy Grimes, with the popular manager, Mr. E. V. Page, efficient in the elocutionist department. The representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE acted as referee at both halls.

**THE INTER-UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC** Contest.—On Friday these annual contests were brought to a conclusion. Details: 100 Yards Race.—A. E. Hind (Cambridge), 1; J. Churchill (Cambridge), 2; A. A. Wilson (Oxford), 3; L. J. Cornish (Oxford), 4. Won by two yards. Time, 10 3-5sec. High Jump.—G. Howard Smith (Cambridge), 5ft 10¼in, 1; W. E. B. Henderson (Oxford), 5ft 7¼in, 2; J. H. Banks (Cambridge), 5ft 6¼in, 3; J. R. Bulkeley (Oxford), 5ft 5¼in, 4. Half-mile Race.—J. R. Cleave (Oxford), 1; J. Gilman (Cambridge), 2; R. B. Arnold (Oxford), 3; J. J. Cawthra (Cambridge), 0. A fine race, Cleave finishing the strongest and winning by five yards, with two between second and third. Time, 1min 59 2-5sec. Putting the Weight.—E. E. B. May (Oxford), 34ft 9in, 1; C. S. Cow (Cambridge), 34ft 2in, 2; W. E. B. Henderson (Oxford), 33ft 6in, 3; H. A. Leeke (Cambride), 33ft 0¼in, 4. 120 Yards Hurdle Race.—G. R. Garnier (Oxford), 1; E. Allcock (Cambridge), 2; G. F. Mortimer (Oxford), 3; G. Howard-Smith (Cambridge), 4. Won by a yard and a half, nearly a foot separting second and third. Time, 17sec. Quarter Mile Race.—L. J. Cornish (Oxford), 1; R. W. Barclay (Cambridge), 2; S. A. Neave (Oxford), 3; P. M. Shanks (Cambridge), 4. Cornish got up close home and won by a yard, three yards separating second and third. Time, 52 4-5sec. Throwing the Hammer.—E. E. B. May (Oxford), 113ft 3in, 1; B. C. Hartley (Cambridge), 109ft, 2; W. E. B. Henderson (Oxford), 108ft 1in, 3; H. A. Leeke (Cambridge), 106ft 2in, 4. One Mile Race.—F. G. Cockshott (Cambridge), 1; H. W. Gregson (Cambridge), 2; H. A. Brown (Cambridge), 3; B. Brinsley Richards (Oxford), 4; S. A. Tippetts (Oxford), 5; G. E. Barry (Oxford), 0. Cockshott coming right away 80yd from home won by 10yd: 20yd divided second and third, and foot third and fourth. Time, 4min 26 4-5sec. Long Jump.—L. J. Cornish (Oxford), 21ft 6¾in, 1; G. Wiles (Cambridge), 20ft 8in, 2; G. W. F. Kelly (Oxford), 20ft 7in, 3; H. A. Hay (Cambridge), 20ft 2¾in, 4. Three Miles Race.—H. W. Workman (Cambridge), 1; F. H. Jervis-Smith (Oxford), 2; E. A. Dawson (Oxford), 3; G. R. Fothergill (Oxford), 0; H. R. W. Macnaghten (Cambridge), 0; R. Wight (Cambridge), 0. Jervis-Smith took the lead four laps from home, but although he ran with the utmost gameness, Workman was too speedy for him, and coming away in the last quarter mile won by 60yd, with 10yd between second and third. Time, 14min 58sec.

**AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.**—The general meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association was held at the Hotel Cecil last Saturday evening. Mr. Montagu Shearman (in the absence of Lord Alverstone) presided. His lordship was unanimously re-elected president. The balance-sheet, showing a total profit of £374 5s 4d on the championships, was passed; a profit of £71 4s 9d resulted from the year's working. It was decided to reduce the present four miles walking championship to a two miles walking championship. The seven miles walking championship for the original seven miles cup will be revived and be decided on the same day as the ten miles running championship. The agreement between the A.A.A and N.C.U. was amended by making the licensing fee a minimum of one guinea instead of a fixed sum of one guinea. It was decided to commemorate with a dinner the coming of age of the A.A.A.

**THE INTER-UNIVERSITY BOAT-Race.**—The oldest hands on the Thames are unanimously agreed that Saturday's race was one of the finest ever rowed between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. Oxford had the worst of the water for nearly four miles of the course. The result opens the question as to the better class of boat to row this race in—a short, beamy boat like that of Oxford (56ft by 27in), or a long racer like that utilised by the Cantabs (63ft by 23½in). It may be observed that only in late years have these eights attained the extra length. In 1870 the Clasper-built boat was but 56ft. long, and three years later 57ft, but the beam did not exceed that for the present style of racer,—viz., 23½in. The broad Oxford boat may have been the more comfortable to row in, but the extra width caused much more resistance than the other, and it only shows what a fine set of men the Oxonians were to pull the race out of the fire on a pinch. They also beat the record to the mile post by a second.

**LADIES' GYMNASTIC COMPETI-tions.**—On Wednesday evening, March 27, a good company attended Richard Street Board School, Islington, to witness the girls' annual gymnastic competitions, which included two squads—senior and junior. The seniors used parallel bars, vaulting horse, and Indian clubs, and worked well. The judge's decision was: Miss. R. Baker, first; Miss A. Symes, second. Miss A. Symes, who won the competition in 1899-1900, worked with style, but missed one action in an exercise, and lost to a careful, stylish opponent only by a few marks. Juniors used parallel bars, vaulting horse, and finished with a little drill. The result was: Miss A. Southern, first; Miss D. Margetson, second. In this squad only one medal was competed for, but the seniors had two medals. Medals to be presented next display.

**DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED** Pole-Leaper.—The death took place recently of Mr. Robert Musgrove, at the age of fifty-nine years, at his residence, the Globe Hotel, Longtown. Deceased was a native of Keswick, and the champion pole-leaper of England for many years. In the early sixties he won the chief prize at the Cumberland and Westmoreland Good Friday sports, then held at Hornsey Wood House, and subsequently he won at the Agricultural Hall on several occasions, beating Wm. Jameson (the champion wrestler), Jas. Baines, D. Anderson, and others. He leaves a widow, but no family. The interment took place at Cockermouth Cemetery last Friday in the presence of a numerous gathering of sympathising friends from many places in the county. The following acted as bearers:—Messrs. Hexham Clark (champion wrestler of England), James Fisher, J. Snowdon (deceased's life-long friends), W. Moore, J. Finch (Carlisle), and P. Burns.

**BILLIARDS. — MR. W. E. LEAD-**better, of the Father Red Cap, Camberwell Green (which is a noted house), in a game 500 up, which recently took place at the above, opposed Mr. A. C. Mills, of the King's Arms, Walworth Road. W. Hudson was marker, and as Mr. Leadbetter is captain of the West Newington Cricket Tradesmen's Club, besides being a good cueist, it was no wonder that the saloon was well filled. Several important matches have and will be decided. The match under notice was a splendidly contested one, and suffice it to state that Mr. Mills won by only twenty-seven points, but Mr. Leadbetter has other matches on the tapis, and means to do his best for his patrons. J. Tuhey, of Camberwell, represented THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

**DEATH OF HARRY REEVE, THE** Jockey.—We regret to announce the death of the above, which took place on Saturday, 23rd ult., at Rue de Bois, Maisons Laffette, France, in his thirtieth year. Prior to riding in France and Italy Reeve rode for the late Charles Blanton's stable and Mr. Tom Connor's stable. He rode Tommy Tittlemouse to victory in the Lancashire Stakes, Wise Child in the Visitors' Plate, Goodwood, and many other winners. Among his patrons were Prince Soltykoff, Mr. Blanton, Mr. Wipps. He was also a brother of the walker of that name. When Harry Reeve met with his fatal accident he was riding for Mr. Roberts's stable, Rue de Bois, Maisons Laffette.

**BILLIARDS.—RAY'S GREAT BREAK.** —W. Ray v. A. W. T. Good, Yorkshire Grey, Gray's Inn Road.—The handsome saloon was crowded last week, when W. Ray, the amateur champion billiardist of South London, met A. W. T. Good, licensed victuallers' champion, in a match, 750 up, level, at the above establishment. W. Chapman accurately called and marked the game. Ray was in splendid form, and made a magnificent break of 180, which is a record one for an amateur under the new rules, and Ray eventually run out a winner by 300 points. Game called:—Ray, 750; Good, 450. Afterwards, at pyramids, Good beat Ray by 2 games to 1. J. Tuhey, of Camberwell, represented THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

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**ROYAL SKITTLE AND HAR-**monic Club, headquarters, the Royal Oak, Sumner Road, Peckham; proprietor, Mr. Jack Rawlings.—A skittle tournament was started on March 19, and Mr. Jack Rawlings has put up some good prizes to be competed for, and fifty-three of the best players in South London are playing. The following are the results of the first round of the handicap (sticker-up, Chas. Davis):—Dobson, Quarterman, Harrington, May, G. Lloyd, W. Lott, R. Birtt, J. Lears, J. Rawlings, C. Davis, W. Brown, Tarling, Mills, Bird, Williams, Glass, Green, Hill, Blakemore, Price, G. Payne, A. Hill, R. East. Second round: Harrington beat May, Dobson beat Quarterman. Play nightly this week. Lloyd beat East, received 4 start out of 7. Lloyd won on the final.

## DICK ASHTON.

**A Well-Known Bantam who Hails from Portsmouth.**

*(With Portrait.)*

DICK ASHTON started boxing at Malton in 1894, where he won several open competitions. On returning to England he was matched to fight C. Goode 20rds for the bantam-weight championship of Hampshire, knocking him out in six rounds; fought Fraser, of R.N., 10rds, who gained the verdict; beat F. Trowan, whom he knocked out in 3rds; beat "Powder" Simonds, 10rds; runner up of the Army and Navy championship, beating Private Blackshaw and Driver Savage; won a 9st championship of the depôt; beat R. Grant, 2rds; fought H. Pressey, 15rds, and was beaten on points; fought H. Pressey 20rds for the 9st championship of Hampshire and £20 a-side, and knocked him out in 6rds; fought a 6rds trial with Joe Barrett, of Clerkenwell, at the National Sporting Club, and Barrett got the verdict. Open to box any man in the Army or Navy 8st 4lb.

## G. COUZINS.

**A Speedy Ped who has Figured Prominently on the Track.**

*(With Portrait.)*

G. COUZINS, of Bloomsbury, born in 1881, stands 5ft., started running April 3, last year, when he run up to Vernon Dalton, after a dead heat for the final, beating F. Holman, Arthur Parsons, Harry Markman, Bill Lacy, and others in the first two heats; also won handicap at Chiselhurst, April 15; matched with Vernon Dalton for £5 100 yards level and won by 1½ yards; also matched with W. Banks for £10, 440 yards level, and after a splendid race Banks fell exhausted seven yards from the post; also won 440 yards scratch race at Kansal Rise in September last, beating Tom Knap, George Henderson, E. Danis, Will Harvey, and Phil Colfield easily by fifty yards.

## MRS. NATION, THE SALOON SMASHER.

**She and Her Followers are Committed to Prison.**

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MRS. NATION, the saloon wrecker of Kansas, has demolished over forty drinking shops, and is now in durance vile. In Kansas, where she lives, no one can hold a licence or sell liquor of any kind, but all the same a few shops did supply the public openly, and it was these she visited in the course of her journey of destruction. Acts of violence between the people who favoured her views and the rum sellers were frequent, and has resulted in the death of a woman, who was shot. Heavy bail is now required before Mrs. Nation will be set at liberty, and then several men who have lost their businesses promise to tar and feather the lady.

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## EVENTS TO COME.

THE following contests will take place during April and May:—

APRIL 4.—At the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, "Kid" Veitch v. Charlie Exall.

APRIL 4.—Bill Stonelake's Complimentary Benefit at the North London Baths, Pentonville Road.

APRIL 5.—At Bow Grounds, Tom Connor's Boxing Competition.

APRIL 6.—"Pop's" Grand Boxing Entertainment at the Town Hall, Epsom.

APRIL 6.—At the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, Charlie Beadling v. Robert Keen, twenty rounds.

APRIL 8.—At Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, John Nelson v. John Milburn, twenty rounds.

APRIL 11.—At the National Sporting Club, 3 p.m., 9st 6lb Competition.

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APRIL 15.—At the National Sporting Club, Bill Lampshire v. George Stark, fifteen rounds; semi-finals and finals 9st 6lb Novices' Competition, also six Rounds Contests.

APRIL 18.—At the National Sporting Club 3 p.m., 10st Competition.

APRIL 22.—At the Tee-To-Tum Club, Shoreditch, Open Boxing Competitions of the Columbia Boxing Club.

APRIL 22.—At the National Sporting Club, Billy Smith (New York) v. Jack Roberts, fifteen rounds; Jack Goldswain v. Corporal Fairclough, ten rounds; semi-finals and finals 10st Novices' Competition.

APRIL 25.—At the National Sporting Club, 3 p.m., 10st 6lb Competition.

APRIL 29.—At the Corn Exchange, Northampton, F. Reynolds v. W. Monk.

APRIL 29.—At the National Sporting Club, Nat Smith v. Dick Lee, fifteen rounds; semi-finals and finals 10st 6lb Novices' Competition; six rounds contests, and other boxing.

MAY 2.—At the National Sporting Club, at 3 p.m., 11st 4lb Competition.

MAY 9.—Bill Natty and Charlie Poudley's Grand Assault-at-Arms at the Horns, Kennington.

## 9st (NOVICES') COMPETITION AT THE N.S.C.

**SHORT AND SWEET MAY BE DE-**scribed some of the bouts in this competition. Novices, pure and simple, is the word best fitted for the contestants, slogging being at a premium and science at a discount, the slogging finding an eventual winner before the stipulated three rounds, thus the judges in many cases finding their office a sinecure. First Series: E. Wakeling (Upton Park) beat W. Adams (Lambeth).—Adams, after being freely thumped, retired as the gong sounded. F. Smith (Bermondsey) beat Dan Meagen (St. James's).—Meagen, after receiving a caution, was disqualified before the end of the second round. Percy Coleman (Hornsey) beat Tom Graham (Walworth).—Graham was beaten half-way through the second round. G. Kelsey (St. James's) beat J. Regan (Bermondsey).—After Regan had been down three times the bout was stopped before the second call of time. H. Smith (Woolwich) beat A. Ray (Stepney).—Smith, never leaving his man for a moment, had him well beaten in the first round. Jack Johnson (Chiswick) beat Fred Walton (Wandsworth).—Walton went down in a bad way, and, rising, he retired before the end of the first round. J. Claybury (Shadwell) beat H. Houldsworth (West Ham).—In the third round Houldsworth reached the boards. Finally Claybury won. Joe Wilson (Marylebone) beat Joe Smith (Blackfriars).—In the last round Wilson landed the most clean hits, and the verdict went his way. W. Perry (Hoxton) beat Jem Glynn (Lambeth).—The Lambeth man got several nasty raps on the head, and was put out in the first round. F. Reed (Southwark) beat H. Kelly (Walworth).—Kelly nearly came down, and falling later the bout was stopped in the first round. J. Caldon (Drury Lane) beat Ted Jones (Islington).—Jones getting the worst of a busy rally was beaten in the second minute. H. Jameson (Wandsworth) beat J. Harris (Bloomsbury).—At the second meeting Harris did not appear to relish his job, and after boxing a minute he retired. J. Cassidy (Glasgow) beat J. Hanley (Borough).—Under the circumstances the affair was at once stopped. Sid Wakeling (Upton Park) beat H. Edwards (Bloomsbury).—Early in the second round Edwards received three or four stinging hits on the head, and seeing the man was beaten the referee wisely stopped the contest. J. Powell (Bloomsbury) a bye.

The second round of a 9st Novices' Competition at the National Sporting Club on Saturday produced some splendid bouts, with the following results: E. Wakeling (Upton Park) beat H. Kelsey (Chelsea), P. Coleman (Hornsey) beat J. Johnson (Chiswick), H. Smith (Walworth) beat J. Cassidy (Glasgow), Joe Wilson (Marylebone) beat J. Clayburg (Shadwell), W. Parry (Hoxton) beat F. Reed (Southwark), J. Calder (Drury Lane) beat J. Powell (Holborn), Sid Wakeling (Upton Park) beat H. Jameson (Wandsworth). The competition will be concluded on Monday evening.

Four Rounds Contest: A. Sweeney (Stratford) beat A. Lloyd (St. Luke's).

## MONDAY.

## "GINGER" ELLIOTT BEATS EDDIE PEARCE.

## E. WAKELING WINS THE 9st COMPETITION.

**THE ATTENDANCE WAS HARDLY** up to the usual strength, neither was the programme as interesting, there being nothing in the way of international rivalry as on the last occasion, and a very quiet evening was the order. The principal event was a fifteen rounds go for a century between Eddie Pearce, of Hackney, and "Ginger" Elliott, Bethnal Green. Pearce is better known as a pedestrian, where he ranks among our best toe and heel performers, but being a direct descendant from "Hen" Pearce, the Game Chicken, it might be supposed that heredity would in his case enable him to score over his present opponent; but the latter, who is no novice at the game, used his left with so much effect that he scored a somewhat easy win. Albert Hollings, of Bethnal Green, and Arthur Abbott, of Stratford, met to contest the best of ten rounds. Hollings proved superior, and settled the business at their fifth meeting, Abbott being counted out. E. Wakeling won a 9st Novices' Competition, his opponent in the final round, W. Perry, of Hoxton, putting up a very tame defence. The officials were: Mr. J. H. Douglas, referee; Mr. Tom Scott, timekeeper; Mr. W. A. Gavin and Mr. E. Maurice judges for the competitors, while, as usual, Mr. A. F. Bettinson was M.C. Details:—

### 9st NOVICES' COMPETITION.

THIRD SERIES.

E. WAKELING beat PERCY COLEMAN.

Wakeling, with his long reach, had the best of the initial round. Up for the second time, Wakeling landed on his opponent's ribs and dial. Coleman landed on the ribs. The third round Wakeling did most of the scoring, and in the mix-up had the best of it, and won a bit easy.

H. SMITH beat JOE WILSON.

Wilson was the first to commence, but Smith paid attention to his opponent's ribs, and had slightly the best of matters. In the second go, both busy, Smith landed several good body blows. Wilson put in a handy one with the right on the dial that steadied his opponent. Smith, quicker with both hands, forced the going, and won with a bit to spare.

W. PERRY beat J. CALDON.

The first round was all in favour of Perry, and although Caldon tried hard in the second round to equalise matters, he was beaten to a standstill, and gave in.

Sid Wakeling a bye.

SEMI-FINAL.

WAKELING beat SMITH.

Wakeling was too clever for Smith, and sent the latter to the boards, scoring freely with his long left. Smith tried to force the pace, but invariably ran up against Wakeling's left. The last round Smith tried hard, but Wakeling always had the upper hand of his man, and won.

PERRY beat SID WAKELING.

Perry forced the pace and made Wakeling skip round the ring. From a body punch the latter went down. Time saved him. On leaving his seat for the second time he walked over and held out his hand.

FINAL.

WAKELING beat PERRY.

Perry kept up no sort of show, and Wakeling had an easy job, winning anyhow.

### TEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

ALBERT HOLLINGS beat ARTHUR ABBOTT
(Bethnal Green) (Stratford).

Hollings quickly found Abbott's dial with the left, and in the exchanges scored. Up for the second time, Hollings twice landed the left without a reply. Abbott tried for the body, but was short. Abbott held his man and hit in the clinches, and received a caution. Hollings at the third attempt played for his opponent's ribs, and Abbott slipped down. On rising they mixed it. The fourth meeting Hollings scored with both hands, and brought his rival down. No sooner up, Abbott again cautioned for wrestling. The fifth, as Abbott weaved in, Hollings landed the left on the dial, then slipped down, and, getting home left and right, Abbott fell. Remaining down, was counted out.

### FIFTEEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

"GINGER" ELLIOTT beat EDDIE PEARCE
(Bethnal Green) (Hackney).

"Ginger" Elliott had in his corner Joe Smith, Dan Sullivan, and Harry Benson, while Bill Baxter, George Harding, and Jem Stevens looked after the wants of Eddie Pearce. Coming up to the scratch they sparred and feinted until Pearce led off, but missed with the left. "Ginger" landed a couple and Pearce was sent to the ropes. Up for the next round both made play, "Ginger" making his attack on the body. Pearce missed when trying to upper-cut his man with the right. The third meeting Pearce was short in his deliveries, and Elliott countered with the left and scored.

The fourth round both quickly left their seats. Pearce tried the right but missed, and forced the going, landing the right on the dial. There was more steam in Elliott's work. The fifth time both missed several times, Elliott using the left well. Pearce, not idle, tried for the ribs. The sixth round Elliott had the best of the exchanges, and Pearce boxed on the retreat. The seventh go Elliott was the aggressor, and landed heavily on the ribs, and Pearce made use of his legs and travelled round the ring.

The eighth time of leaving their seats Elliott made the pace, Pearce being content to counter. Elliott used both hands, and drove Pearce to the ropes. Pearce had all the worst of the argument. The ninth go, after a few exchanges, Pearce tried the right but missed and nailed a heavy one on the ribs. A couple of swings went over Elliott's head. The tenth round Pearce made his effort, but Elliott was always there with a straight left, which landed on Pearce's dial, but the latter always came back for more.

The eleventh go, although receiver-general, Pearce stuck to his man, but in a neutral corner received a dab on the ribs and slowed down. Elliott kept popping in the left, and scored freely. The twelfth meeting Elliott drove his man back with straight lefts. Pearce gamely stuck to his task, but could make no headway, invariably running up against Elliott's left. The thirteenth round Pearce again had all the worst of it, but he forced the pace, and towards the close held his own. The fourteenth meeting Pearce several times tried the right, but he missed. The last round Elliott strong, and keeping the left in play, scored freely. Pearce put up a plucky show, and tried the right, but failed to get on terms, and Elliott gained the award, leaving the ring without a mark.

**QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER VOLUN**teers' Assault-at-Arms.—The nineteenth annual assault-at-arms promoted by the above crack corps attracted the usual brilliant gathering to headquarters, Queen's Hall, Buckingham Gate, on Saturday evening. Before the first item on a long and interesting programme was put forward the spacious building was nearly filled, while a few minutes later there was not a seat to be had. The assault was under the patronage of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Howard Vincent, Lieut.-Colonel G. Trollope, Lieut.-Colonel Stevenson, Lieut.-Colonel Bone, and the officers of the regiment, while quite a large number of the fair sex were present. An Indian club solo by Major G. T. B. Cobbett was one of the features of the show, and boxing by C. A. Jones (amateur bantamweight champion, 1894-5-6), E. A. Fearman, of the Lynn B.C., and G. C. Clarke, of the same club, claimed much attention. Sergeant James (winner of the amateur fencing championship, 1901) and Colour-Sergeant Read had a smart bout, using respectively the bayonet and sabre. A bayonet combat, sabre combat, and free gymnastics were included in the card. The Orchestral Band, under the direction of Mr. J. H. Russell, played during the evening.

**CURIOUS WAGERS.—TWO** curious wagers were decided at the Black Lion, Coleshill Street, proprietored by old Jem Mace, last Saturday night. In both cases that old champion, Joe Vickers, of Coventry, held the watch. The first wager was: One ounce of cheese had to be eaten whilst his opponent drank one pint of ale, with a tablespoon, out of a basin. The beer drinker won in half the time. The second wager was: One pennyworth of black pudding, ready for eating, i.e., skinned, &c. Beer won again in little under half the time.

## BOXING AT NEWCASTLE.

**ON SATURDAY NIGHT GINNETT'S** Circus, Newcastle, was well occupied by spectators, who were treated to one of the best programmes of sport that, in our opinion, it has been their province to witness. This we take from the subdued excitement which we noticed, and the vociferous applause which greeted the lads at the end of each bout. The first eight rounds contest was between Young Harrison and W. Ellison, both of Gateshead. They were well matched, and both looked in condition. Ellison, who, however, had slightly the best of it in weight, quickly forced the work, but Harrison never flinched, and the round was of a splendid kind. In the second round Ellison once again commenced operations, and harder exchanges, which followed, could not have been seen, and round three was of a like description, but in the fourth, after looking like a winner, Ellison was sent out with a clever blow on the jaw. The next event was also an eight rounds contest, the opponents being T. Hazon, of Newcastle, and O. Petford, of Newcastle. As before these were also well matched for weight, &c. They opened the first round together, but afterwards the exchanges were in favour of Hazon, who, from a clinch, sent his man down. Petford arose with rapidity and resumed the bout, which was merry until the gong sounded. In the second round they mixed it up in the greatest of styles, a very warm pace being kept up by both to the time of rest. At the opening of the third round Hazon appeared weak, and Petford quickly took advantage and scored frequently, but he had not much strength in his deliveries. In the remainder of the rounds the business was of a similarly equal character, and the result was a draw—a good decision. A couple of lads entered the ring to box the best of eight rounds, but it was soon apparent that one knew nothing about the game, and they were ordered out of the ring, and produced for a three rounds trial H. Aleck, of Santa Cruz, and J. Nichol, of Jarrow. If the pair had been contesting for a mammoth stake they could not have done better, and so well were they matched that Mr. Lowes offered them a purse to go eight rounds on Saturday evening next. They accepted the engagement, and there is no doubt it will prove an exciting meeting. The Pitmen's 9st championship was then entered upon, and the prizes, which are on view at the Hexham House, Newcastle—a solid silver cup and a handsome gold medal—elicited half a dozen entries. In the first heat A. Wilkinson, of Choppington, and J. Thompson, of Wrekenton, met, and from the start of the first round to the end of the third the business was of a harricane description. Wilkinson, however, proved the cleverer, and received the verdict. In the second heat, P. Brady, of Wrekenton, was opposed to I. Keith, of Bedlington, and the struggle was very keen. Brady, however, proved to have a good left, which he used so successfully that he received the fiat. In the third heat Paddy Morton, of Blyth, cleverly secured the verdict over J. Mather, of Bedlington. The finals will be boxed on Saturday evening next. The wind up was a three rounds spar between Jack O'Brien and Jem Richardson, and the adroitness of the Philadelphian wonder was the reason of the frequent and most hearty outbursts of applause.

**BOXING AT MANCHESTER.—THE** boxing contest between the bantams, Willie Gill, of Liverpool, and Jim Wood, of Manchester, at 7st 4lb, with 4oz gloves, for £45, was brought to a successful issue on Wednesday in private, and before a very respectable class of Corinthians. The match was one of fifteen two-minute rounds. They were well matched in height, and were both inside the stipulated poundage. The Mancunian, though called a lad, looked like being out of his teens, while Gill attained his seventeenth birthday upon the last day of 1900. He has had an unbroken record up to the present, and certainly appears destined to take high honours in the school of boxing. Wood has been accredited with several successes, and his friends were sanguine that his stamina would pull him through. The full fifteen rounds were reeled off in a very workmanlike manner, both lads being careful, determined, and thorough triers. Early in the contest Gill showed to decided advantage by the neatness and rapidity of his deliveries, whilst his defence was almost faultless, and his foot-work very clever. Wood tried his utmost to assume the command, but was always met by good two-handed deliveries for his temerity. The lads deserve credit for the fairness with which they conducted the contest, which Mr. Tom Gamble awarded to Gill on points.

**JOHNNY HUGHES, CHARLIE** Broadbank, and "Ginger" Mallett wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jemmy Lowes, Dick Johnson, "Dido" Vardy, Fred Nutt (of the Roxburg Arms), and Jack Curley, for the kindness shown them during their stay in Newcastle.

**ALF LLOYD WOULD LIKE TO BOX** Jem Sweeney, of Stratford, ten rounds for £25 and the N.S.C. purse.

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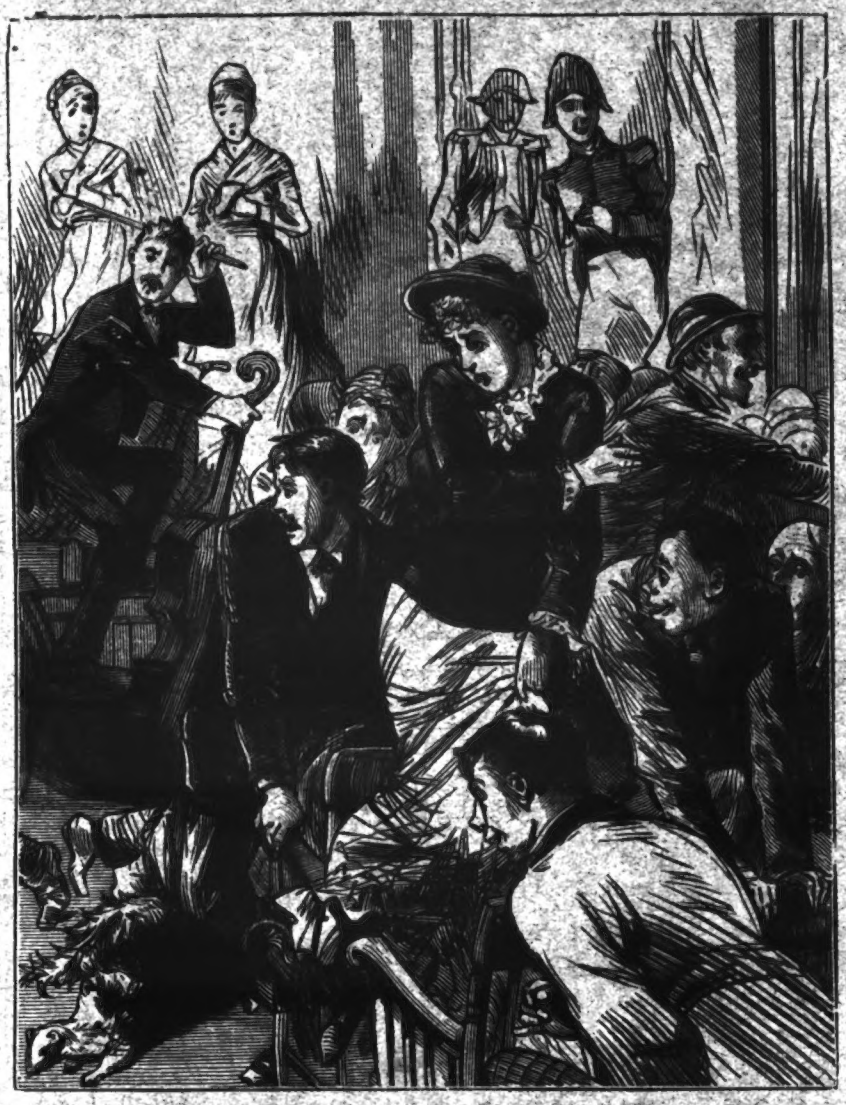
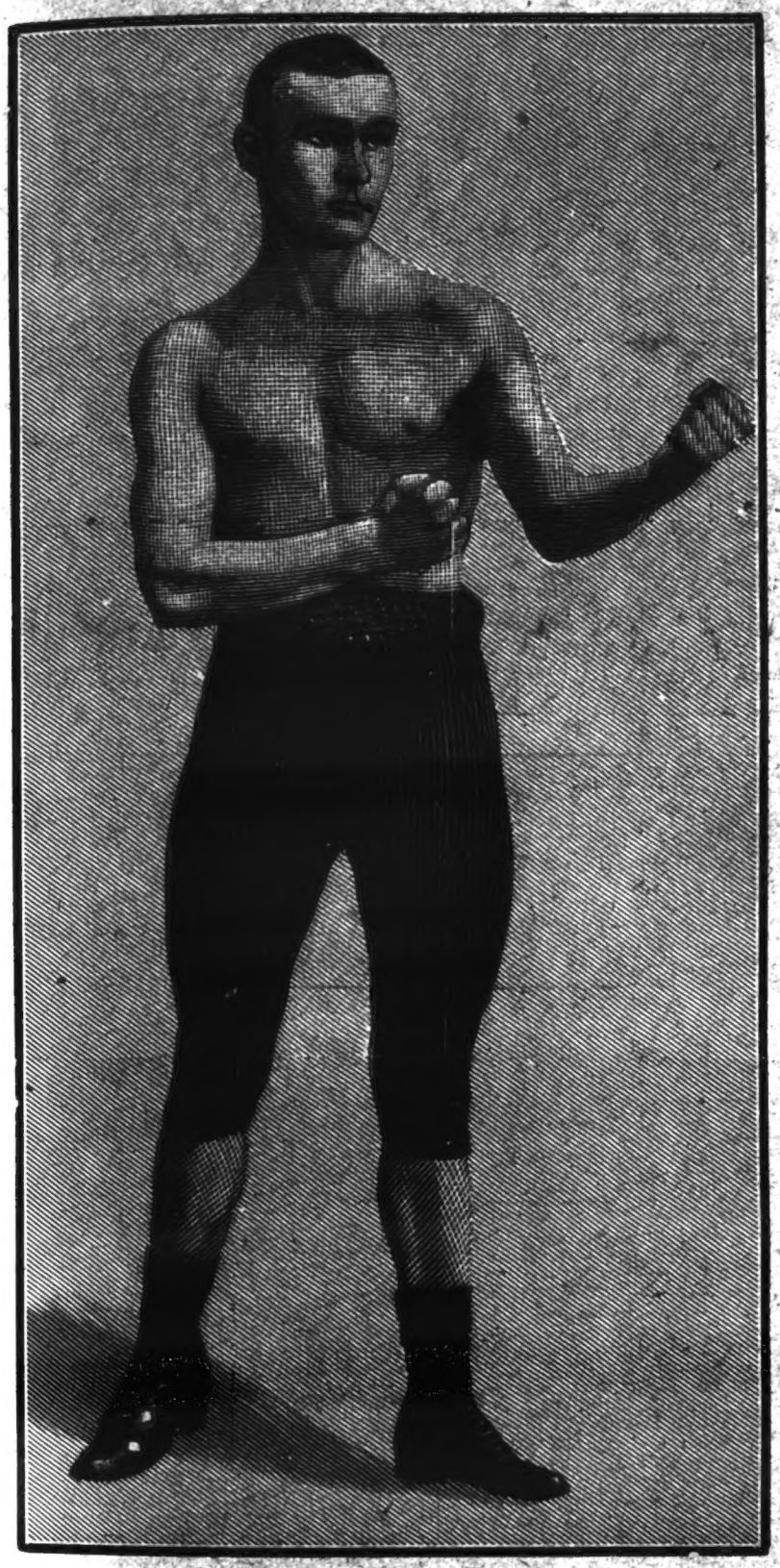
**DICK ASHTON,**
**A Well-known Bantam who Hails from Portsmouth.**



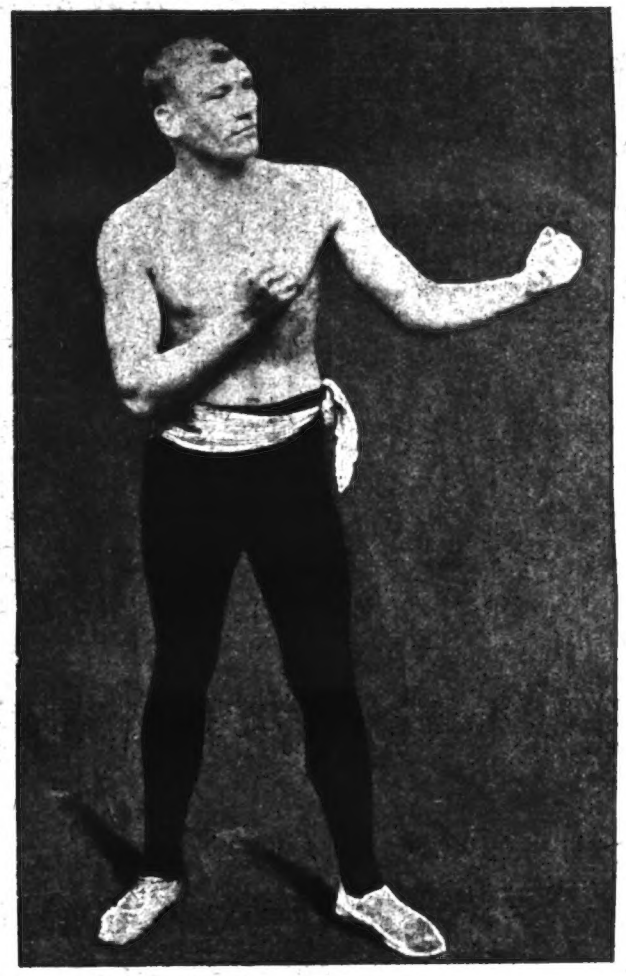
**A STRANGE ANIMAL AMONG THE AUDIENCE.**
**Men and Women Stampede to a Place of Safety.**

**A DUEL BETWEEN AUSTRIANS.**
**Three Fall to the Sword and the Fourth has to do an Acrobatic Trick.**



**GEORGE CHRISP,**

**Of Newcastle, who Met Ben Taylor, of Woolwich, at the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, on Monday Evening, April 1.**



**BEN TAYLOR,**

**"The Woolwich Infant," who Met George Chrisp at the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, on Monday, April 1.**

**THE CLEVEREST DOG IN UTAH.**

**"Jack," the Pointsman on the Union and Pacific Railway.**

**MRS. NATION, THE SALOON SMASHER.**

**She and her Followers are Committed to Prison.**

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## PROFESSOR NEWTON TAKES A BEN.

### TROOPS OF FRIENDS SUPPORT THE PRO.

**"IT'S A PROUD WOMAN HER** mither should be this dee," remarked an old Scotchwoman when Princess Louise married the Lord of Lorne, and it is a proud man Professor Newton should have been on Tuesday evening last, when some of the best and most respected followers of boxing visited his show, the premises on which it was held being all too small for their accommodation. We had not visited the baths of Pentonville since the eventful evening, some dozen or more years ago, when Ted White, the ex-amateur champion, met the late Jem Kendrick, and we well remember the shemozzle that ensued. On Tuesday evening everything was in direct contrast. Order reigned supreme, and patrons of boxing sat round the ring enjoying the boxing, who are none too plentiful. It may not be known that in that street running out of Holborn, denominated Leather Lane, there are tradesmen and stall-keepers who have occupied the same pitch for more than a century. Many of these were present, even to old Jack Donoghue, the once famous Leather Lane champion. Among the many admirers and patrons of the sport who sat round the ring we may mention Mr. Birkin, the wholesale tripe dresser, business established in Leather Lane A.D. 1750; Mr. Dennis, a well-known bung of Hatton Garden; Charley Ford, of the Bleeding Hart; Meers, the district bookie, who, we are afraid, must have lost heavily over the Lincoln, he looked so down; Mankin, the newly elected C.C., who topped the poll, and others too numerous to mention. Alf Boon, the ice merchant, was the advertised referee, but Alf not being present at the commencement of hostilities we, at the request of the M.C., Frank Howard, and not to stop sport, took on the job until his arrival. The event of the evening was the trial of Ernest Brown, a recent importation from Ireland, said to be 9st 4lb champion of that distressful country, and A. Young, the winner of the recent 9st 6lb Cestus competition. Brown, who was accompanied by several compatriots, who assured us they all delighted in THE MIRROR OF LIFE, informed us that he was thirty-two years of age, but for bodily vigour he might have passed for ten years younger. The M.C.—the best, in our opinion, who ever jumped on a boxing stage to announce contestants—started a series of six-round competitions with W. Keen, of Woolwich, and J. Doolan, of Islington. W. Keen was some four inches taller than Doolan, thus placing the little man at great disadvantage; but in spite of this we thought Doolan had well won at the close of a good battle, but the judges thought otherwise, and as the M.C. remarked, were unanimous (good word) in deciding in favour of Keen. Joe Barrett met Alf Payne, of Mile End.—Joe had evidently visited the barber's prior to his advent on the boxing stage, and had his forelocks carefully curled. Joe seemed to think his opponent rather cheeky to oppose such a champion as Joe, and paid rather dearly for his carelessness. Realising the situation, Barratt set himself spinning, and just as Teddy Cranfield called "Time" for the last round another second would have seen Payne knocked out, but the conscientious Teddy called "Time" just at the right moment to avert this catastrophe, Barratt eventually receiving the verdict. Walter Eyles, fresh from his victory over Joe Scott on the previous evening at Stamford Hill, met Archie Phillips, of that district. Walter had evidently knocked up his hand in this encounter, as he never used his right, and at the conclusion of a slashing six rounds, he showed us his hand to verify this fact. Archie Phillips had also injured a mauley in his encounter with Charley Brown, of Stamford Hill, on the previous evening, Phillips declaiming much against the verdict. Phillips and Brown should contest to a finish. In this bout Eyles received the verdict. We have often wondered why Jack Roberts, of Drury Lane, and Ted Mortimer, of Clare Market, have not had engagements on the London stage as "Boxing Buffoonery," their clowning and tumbling being most grotesque and amusing. At the conclusion of the bout Roberts informed us that on Monday (which would be Monday last), he was going into strict training at Broadstairs for his match with Billy Smith, accompanied by Ted Mortimer as trainer. Pat Daley, who looked very fit, had six rounds with Newton's pet pupil, Mr. Smith. Pat's movements were so eccentric that Mr. Smith was quite puzzled. It was not what Mr. Smith expected. Daly was more like a marionette on wires than a boxer, banging Smith about at unexpected times and unexpected places in fact, Smith was very glad when "Time" was called for the last round. When the man from Limerick, Ernest Brown, took the stage to contend against A. Young, the winner of the Cestus championship, the crowd were agog with excitement. Brown looks more like a gentleman jock than a gentleman boxer, and is a dead ring in for Atkinson, the wrestler. In the first round Brown's form was undiscovered, the Irishman contenting himself by acting on the defensive. In the second, however, the true form of the man from Limerick was disclosed, and with a right-handed punch just over the heart, he toppled the Cestus man over, he falling like a felled tree to the floor. In such bad form did the Cestus man appear to be that brandy was administered as a restorative, when Young soon came round. It would take a very good amateur to beat Brown at the weight (9st 6lb). There was some excitement over the meeting of A. B. B. C. A. Mackenzie, the winner of the Mincing Lane 10st Championship, and H. Fone, North London B.C. Fone was under a great disadvantage, as he was boxing Mackenzie, so to speak, "down his own court." Fone had a most remarkable appearance—an appearance which did not err on the side of beauty. The contest had not proceeded far when Fone discovered that his opponent was boxing with gloves at least two ounces less in weight than those with which he had been adjusted. This had to be rectified before the bout proceeded. It seemed strange that the "homer" should have the small gloves; but it, no doubt, was an accident. At the finish the verdict went to the favourite, Mackenzie, the judges, as the M.C. observed, being again unanimous, but there was really nothing in it at the finish. Exhibition sparring by the Newton Midgets and H. Hollingshead v. Cooper, while the Professor practically illustrated by means of his pupils "The knock-out blow and how to avoid it."

**BOXING AT THE NEW ADELPHI** Club.—On the evening of the early closing day (Thursday) "Izzy" Abrahams gave a boxing show to friends and relations at the above, and as there was plenty of punch served out the show was a decided success. Up till the previous Wednesday plenty of soup had been served out, the club being turned on each Wednesday of the week into a soup kitchen. These boxing shows will now be bi-monthly. 7st 10lb Competition: "Ginger" Owen beat "Buck" Shine; Frank Morecombe beat J. Morris; Bill Dickinson beat Pat Daly; G. Collins beat J. Lamb. Semi-final; Frank Morecombe beat "Ginger" Owen.—Morecombe did most of the leading, and won. G. Collins beat Bill Dickinson.—Before the end of the first round it was stopped, though Dickinson was strong, and fit to fight. Final G. Collins beat Frank Morecombe.—Morecombe cleverer, but Collins's strength served him well, and he scored with both hands. An exciting finish, and Collins, forcing the exchanges, won. Six Rounds Contests: Tom Williams beat Jem Bateson.—A furious onslaught all over the ring, and after a most determined fight Williams won. Bill Lee beat Jack Hennessy.—From the start to the finish they were hard at it, and Lee knocked out in the third round after a fast fight, which commenced badly, but ended well.

**MILDMAY ATHLETIC CLUB COM**petitions.—This club, which comprises more members than any similar institution, and whose premises on the grounds of two old-fashioned mansions in Stoke Newington Green, on Thursday evening gave their annual boxing competitions:—9st Open Competition (Novices): A. E. Jacobs (M.R.B.C.) beat C. Kendall (Unattached).—Jacobs in front in the first round. During the second bout went further ahead, and the referee stopped the contest in favour of Jacobs. J. Rowlands (Unattached) beat A. Cooper (Unattached).—Cooper stood to his guns well, but was not in the hunt with Rowlands, and the referee stopped the unequal war. G. Cooper (Mildmay A.C.) beat H. Smith (Mildmay A.C.).—Cooper, the bigger and more powerful youth, was all over his opponent in the opening bout, "grassing" him three times. W. Walpole (M.R.C.) beat R. Knopp (A.B.C.).—Walpole put up a grand fight in the final, when the judges disagreed, Walpole eventually receiving the award. E. Holdstock (Mildmay A.C.) sparred a bye with Howard. Second series: A. E. Jacobs beat W. Walpole.—Floored twice in the first round, Walpole gave in. J. Rowlands beat E. Holdstock.—Holdstock of the M.A.C. Rowlands showed more of his true form. Final bout: A. E. Jacobs (M.R.B.C.) beat G. Cooper (M.A.C.).—J. Rowlands having retired, Jacobs performed in a hurricane fashion, and finished the war before two minutes of the first round had elapsed. 8st 4lb Open Competition: J. Churchill (E.B.C.) beat C. Brittle (Middlesex R.V.).—Churchill boxed exceeding well in concluding bout, and received the verdict. J. Godfrey (C.B.C.) beat W. Smith (E.M.C.).—The contest was a most exciting one, but there was not much in it at the finish. H. Riches (B.B.P.A.C.) sparred a bye with C. Chambers (M.A.C.) overweight. Final bout: J. Churchill beat J. Godfrey.—The encounter was the finest of the evening, and deserves special recognition; indeed, it is almost beyond the reach of praise. Six Rounds Contest: P. Lynch (R.T.B.A.C.) beat J. Phillips (B.B.A.C.).—Phillips made a good stand, but Lynch overcrowded him, and was always there. Philips very game.

## JOHN JENKINS AND LEW MORGAN MATCHED.

March 30, 1901.

To the Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

SIR,—Articles of agreement have been signed by John Jenkins, of Port Talbot, and Lew Morgan, of Pen-y-Graig, to box the best of twenty rounds, of three minutes duration, at 8st 12lb, to weigh in at twelve o'clock day of boxing, for £25 a-side and the best purse offered in Wales. Morgan has agreed to send £15 by April 1, and Jenkins will send £10, to make his £15, on April 1, and both have agreed to send the final deposit of £10 each on April 15, and to box in an 18ft ring, strictly Marquis of Queensberry rules, and to box on April 29. Either man overweight to forfeit the £25 stakes. THE MIRROR OF LIFE to be the stakeholder and appoint referee, and also furnish gloves, 4oz gloves to be used. Either man failing to go on with the match to forfeit £5. The purse of gate receipts to be divided, 75 per cent. to the winner, and 25 per cent. to the loser. Jenkins objects to Pontypridd.

Witnesses for Jenkins: WM. J. DAVIES, DAVID DAYCOCK.
Principals: JOHN JENKINS, LEW MORGAN.
Witnesses for Morgan: BILLY MORGAN, BILL HULKESS.

[We hold £15 on behalf of Lew Morgan and £5 on behalf of John Jenkins.—ED.]

**MANCHESTER GYMNASTIC CLUB.**—Not being satisfied with their professional ventures, which were found to be very costly, and often as not provided sport of no gratifying interest, the Manchester Gymnastic Club are giving the amateurs a trial. The first of these meetings was held a couple of months ago, and proved a success, and thus encouraged the club to arrange another capital programme on Monday which was followed closely by a large attendance of members and the public. Perhaps the tit-bit of the evening was the meeting between F. Burgess, of Salford, and G. Tomlinson, of Irlam-o'-th'-Heights, who boxed eight rounds for a silver cup. The Salford youth, who is a clever exponent, had rather the best of the first two rounds, scoring cleverly with his left, whilst occasionally he sent in the right sharply on the dial. At the third meeting Tomlinson smashed in both hands at close range, but Burgess generally was all alert, and feinting grandly, got out of several awkward positions. From now up to the sixth round the tussle was mainly in favour of the Salford man. In the latter each man led in turn, but Burgess's trickiness served him in good stead, and at the finish the Salford youth was a good winner on points. W. Leith, of Salford, and W. Lofthouse, of Manchester, met at 10st in a similar number of rounds, and some heavy fighting was witnessed. Leith, who towered over his opponent, and appeared full of muscle, underwent a severe pummelling from his smaller adversary, who hit his man in the wind, and brought him down. The Salfordian luckily recovered, and to the end of the round had the best of matters, and when the whistle blew Lofthouse was all but knocked out. In the second bout the Manchester boxer again had to put in a great effort to keep up, but this he did, and at the next meeting seemed to regain strength. Indeed, he got heavy swinging lefts repeatedly on Leith's jaw, and the big fellow at length fell to the boards and was counted out. Lofthouse's victory was a very popular one. The members' competition excited a lot of interest. Mr. A. Williamson, who beat Mr. A. G. Edgehill, the secretary of the club, was looked upon as the likely winner of the final. However, Mr. Wenner, who had defeated Mr. A. George, proved too much for Williamson, who was just beaten in the final. A six rounds contest between Moody and Thoms, both of Salford, was won by Thoms, after an interesting encounter. Mr. Tom Gamble was referee, Messrs. R. Bellhouse and Broadbent judges, and J. E. Cuffley timekeeper.

**ANDREW WOOD IS MATCHED** with "Toby" Mackenzie (Paddington) to box twenty rounds at the Stockton Excelsior Gymnasium, on Monday, April 15, for £25 a-side and the Gymnasium purse.

**HARRY HARRIS AND SAMMY** Kelly are boxing this week at the Oxford Music Hall and also at the Royal Albert Music Hall, Canning Town.

## THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

**AS WE GO TO PRESS TOO EARLY** to give a full account of the above, it must be deferred until next week. We should think Harry Jacobs, who has been training at Esher under the care of the accomplished Joe Anderson, would have a good chance in the light-weights. A notable absentee is the Polytechnic captain, H. Brewer, who won the title a couple of years ago, but as Harry objected to box for the German Gymnasium medals he may also consider a silver cup unworthy of his notice, and an interesting feature is the representation of the Lynn B.C. in every weight. They supply a strong favourite at 9st in C. G. Clarke, who is scarcely opposed, and in the absence of Churchill, of the Stanhope, Avant, of Bristol, or E. L. Moody (last season's runner-up) may take the 8st 4lb, though we hear good accounts of Corporal R. Regan, of the Scots Guards. Humphries, the light-weight champion, however, may have to strike his colours before A. Warner, of the Highgate, who, during the past two seasons has not suffered defeat. E. C. Warner and E. Manu have entered for both the middle and the heavies, but one of these weights ought to go to W. Dees, the holder of the heavy-weight championship, who has been training Ben Taylor, who met George Chrisp on Monday at the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, at Farnborough in Hants, and in training Taylor also himself. Good sport is promised, though the entries are much smaller now-a-days than in the past.

**"POOR OLD GEORGE BAKER."** This is how a well-known sport, once a prominent figure in the racing and boxing world, likes to describe himself; but George Baker is by no means poor. Sites for a railway station and alterations by the County Council have been lumps of grease for George; and now he has settled down in one of the finest dining rooms in the north-east of London. It is a case of the comfortable old-fashioned coffee house revived. Those who desire to see a palatial pitch, and to eat a good dinner, should call on George at 53, High Street, Kingsland.

**MR. LEIGH WILL BACK WILL** Nicholls, butcher, of Marylebone, to box George Clarke, of the Meat Market, at catch-weight, for £25 a-side, that is, if the N.S.C. will give a purse; or if not, the old style preferred. Open to £50 a-side. THE MIRROR OF LIFE to be stakeholder.

**"PUNCH" VAUGHAN TO DICK** Ward and others.—"Punch" Vaughan has recovered from his illness, and will box Dick Ward according to his challenge, and will meet him at L. Thomas's on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

**PROFESSOR VAUGHAN WILL GIVE** a good purse for Ben Taylor and Young Morris to box twelve rounds, and will meet them at the Malakoff Club any night this week.

**TED WILLIAMS, OF TYLORSTOWN,** is open to box Morgan Williams, of Cais (or Maerdy) for £10 or £20 a-side, with or without gloves. An early answer through these columns will be immediately attended to.

**RETIREMENT OF BILL HULLETT** from the Boxing Arena.—Bill Hullett, who has met such men as Harry Ware, Alf Buckingham, Bill Stonelake, Johnny Thomas, &c., and who altogether has contested nearly a century of contests and competitions, has retired from the boxing arena to devote his attention to his trade. Future challenges will therefore be useless.

**BOXING AT THE TEE-TO-TUM.**—Pat Daly gave a most interesting boxing show in the Tee-To-Tum Hall last Monday evening. The winners of the contests were:—Jim Kendrick beat Bill Pike, Archie Wright beat Bob Stevens, Tom Ireland beat Joe Scott, Mark Verrall beat Bob Cooper, Bill Nolan beat Harry Newman, Arthur Jordan beat "Jumbo" Nicholls, Toff Wall and Mr. W. Lago sparred four rounds and Pat Daly and "Dido" Plumb wound up the show.


## EXTRAORDINARY CURIOUS BOOKS.

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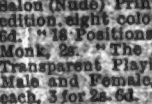

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## N TAYLOR, OF LONDON, VERSUS GEORGE CHRISP.

**MONDAY EVENING THIS EVENT** place at the Standard Theatre, Gates- when Chrisp won in eight rounds. ils:—Round 1. Taylor led off slightly a straight left, and at once vigorously led the Tynesider with some two- ed work. Chrisp was apparently ified by the fast work of the Southerner, e heavy deliveries on the head had an ous effect. Chrisp, however, cleverly ed two or three swinging blows that tened immediate disaster, and once ed rushing of Southerner by a severe ght punch in the mouth. Taylor con- d to play leading business, flattering his rers repeatedly by his leading with both and right. The Tynesider dropped to ds from swinging right on head, and down on his knees nearly eight nds, when he rose to his feet. Taylor d pace until gong sounded. Round Tay or missed fire in trying to a right swing, and Chrisp scored nicely a hard jab on the mouth. Taylor, ever, again resumed his forcing tactics, reached head with both left and right great power. Some fast infighting followed, and Chrisp was more effec- at close quarters. He twice landed lefts flush in the face, and Taylor was istakably showing signals of distress he went to his corner. Round 3. r a few light exchanges Taylor brought sp down with a swinging right behind head, and when the Tynesider regained feet Taylor swung the right on head. At this stage, however, sp opened out his shoulders to e purpose, and getting home a le of terrific straight lefts, the claret ed copiously. The next few exchanges ured Taylor, but Chrisp finished the d more successfully, and was fast ring command over the Woolwich pion, who was in sore distress when gong sounded. Round 4. Taylor made rong beginning at the next bout, but sp more than wiped off the arrears by eft-handed jabs, and he sent the Wool- Infant down. Taylor promptly mbled to his feet, and both men fought erately hard in the hope of arriving at finite issue. Both men were so com- ely exhausted that neither could hit sufficient power to bring off a knock- Zach side was terribly used up, and r Taylor had missed a good opening, sp landed with such force on the jaw the Southerner dropped. He promptly ined his feet, but was in a weak and could never capably meet left jabs of the Tynesider ng the remaining part of the round. nd 5. They countered heavily, and lor raised hopes of his connections in hing his opponent's head with his left right. Chrisp smartly retaliated in ing work with his left frequently, and mixed it up in quick, merry fashion rwards that neither could strike what be called an effective blow throughout minute of bout. Round 6. Taylor menced with promise in leading three s with left on the head successfully, but subsequently became very wild, leaving self completely at the mercy of straight punching. He dropped weak, and upon e attempting to get home "pivot ke" he brought himself under the ban he referee, who warned him that he ld disqualify him upon its repeti- Upon resuming Taylor had better the exchanges until close of round. nd 7. Chrisp wasted the strength his adversary by his clever dodg- and scoring decisively by a fine ience of left punches on the mouth, the Woolwich Infant to the boards, upon standing up again Chrisp crossed right on the jaw. Taylor immediately and was hopelessly beaten, when gong sounded. Round 8, and last. or came up surprisingly fresh, and gh he made praiseworthy attempts to the tide of fortune in his favour, there no power in his blow, and Chrisp, by uperb left punching, quickly had him at mercy. He shot out the left flush on face, and following this up with a half- t hook on the point, Taylor fell, to be ted out. The victory of Chrisp was ted with warm applause, and it was ersally acknowledged that he had gained ist by a magnificent performance over rmidable though inexperienced op- nt.

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**CONTESTS AT STAMFORD HILL.**—The theatre of the Tee-To-Tum Club, Stamford Hill, was well filled on Monday, when the well-known light-weight, Pat Daly, provided a special programme of interesting contests. All of these were billed to go six rounds, while an extra attraction was provided by a four-round trial between Pat Daly and "Dido" Plumb, respectively light-weight and middle-weight champions of England. Details:—Six Rounds Contests: Jem Kendrick (Hackney) beat Bill Pike (Leytonstone).—A finely-matched pair put in excellent work from start to finish. In the third round Kendrick failed to avail himself of a good chance of getting in a swinging blow, but he eventually won on points. Archie Wright (Meat Market) beat Bob Stevens (Holloway).—Wright was much the cleverer, and Stevens retired in the second round. T. Ireland (Mile End) beat Joe Scott (Stoke Newington).—A rather poor contest ended in a victory for Ireland, who had his man out in the third round. Mark Verrall (Tottenham) beat Bob Cooper (Edmonton).—Verrall swung his left about in hurricane fashion, and occasionally got it home with telling effect. In the third round he had Cooper down twice, and the Edmonton man was counted out. Bill Nolan (Drury Lane) beat H. Newman (Holloway).—Nolan had matters well in hand all through, but was mercifully-inclined, and prolonged the contest, finally winning on points. Arthur Jordan (Clapton) beat "Jumbo" Nicholls (Tottenham).—Two strong youths made a good fight of it, although somewhat addicted to holding. In the third round Jordan took the lead, and finally received the judge's verdict. A four-round exhibition between "Toff" Wall and Billy Ligo created some amusement. The former ex-middle-weight champion has become very bulky, and he contrasted singularly with his slim opponent, an ex-amateur. The wind-up was between Pat Daly and "Dido" Plumb, as mentioned above.

**EASTER ATTRACTIONS AT NEWCASTLE.**—Ever on the qui vive to provide patrons of sport the best of entertainments, Mr. James Lowes has secured for their edification on Monday and Tuesday evenings next at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, a couple of contests which are important, and are causing considerable interest in the North. On the Monday evening the attraction will be a twenty rounds contest at catch-weights between Jack Nelson, of Newcastle, and Jack Milburn, of Gateshead, for £50 a-side and a purse of £55 given by Mr. Lowes. Both the lads are well-known exponents, and they are sure to turn up in the best of health. On the Tuesday evening the feature will be a twenty rounds contest, also at catch-weights, between "Cock Robin," of Glasgow, and Jack Palmer, of Newcastle, the pitmen's champion. Of the many boxers in the North, Palmer is one of the most popular, and his meeting with the Irishman is provoking much interest. This pair are in strict training, and as the whole of the stakes (£115) are articled to go to the winner the contest should elicit a great struggle. On each evening there will be other contests, and so far as the boxing-loving public is concerned there will be no dearth of enjoyment.

**"GINGER" ELLIOTT WISHES TO** tender his sincere thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen for their very great acts of kindness meted out to him and his trainers, Dan Sullivan and Charley Smirks, whilst training at the Mechanics' Arms, Folkestone, for his match with Eddy Pearce, at the National Sporting Club, last Monday, April 1: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. W. Warne, of the Black Bull, Folkestone; Mr. and Mrs. Smiles, of the Railway Bell, Folkestone; Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott, of the Town Arms, Dover; Quarter-Master-Sergeant Bampton, Shorncliffe Camp; Private Charley James and Private Cullender, of the Q.O.R.W.K. Regiment, Shorncliffe Camp; and Private Thompson, 1st Lancashire Regiment; and Alf Edwards, sporting cabman.

**HARRY HUGHES WILL OPEN WITH** his boxing saloon on Good Friday and Easter Monday at the side of the Dolphin Hotel, facing the Pier, Cleethorpe, with a troupe of the cleverest boxers now travelling. Johnnie Hughes, Light-Weight Champion of England; Bertie Hughes, very clever 9st lad; Freddy and Billy Hughes, champion midget boxers of the world; Joe Bowker, one of the cleverest 7st 6lb lads in England; Jack Dixon, of America, coloured. Harry Hughes will be pleased to meet all his old friends at Cleethorpe on Good Friday.

**PROF. H. CULLIS OPENS WITH HIS** grand pavilion for the first time in the Liverpool district at Birkenhead for Easter week with his troupe of champions, including Mike Flynn, London; Harry Mansfield, Bristol; Tom Spring, Northampton; Harry Brodigan, Manchester; Charley Arrowsmith, Walsall; Dan Lewis (black), America. Prof. Cullis will be offering big prizes for boxing competitions and contests during his stay in Birkenhead.

**BARNEY SCANNELL, "THE FRENCH** Count," has now quite recovered from his illness, and intends shortly to make a trip to Old Ireland, where he intends to stay, or rather take up his residence.

## JOE WALCOTT KNOCKS OUT CHARLIE McKEEVER.

**(Special Report.)**

**WATERBURY, CONN., MARCH 22.**—Charlie McKeever, the Philadelphia welter-weight fighter, is sore in body, if not in mind, and not without good reason. After starting the sixth round of a bout here with Joe Walcott last night, his stomach got in the way of the negro's half-right-arm upper-cut. That proved his undoing. Moaning under the sting of the awful punch, and gasping for wind it robbed him of, he fell to the floor writhing in the resin, while Referee Fred Bullen counted the fateful seconds. The gorilla-like negro had won another fight with apparent ease. His slam-bang tactics had again served him well, and another clever man—for McKeever is admittedly clever—had gone the route traversed by so many others of Walcott's victims. From the start of the fight, McKeever seemed painfully outclassed. He was visibly afraid of the fierce-looking object before him who made use of his muscular black arms in windmill fashion, and after receiving the first hard punch the Quaker seemed helpless. The cleverness that had stood him in good stead in other battles was not evident, and only his pink-hued body and his intelligent-appearing face stopped the rain of blows showered on him. Pretty side-stepping and tactful blocking were parts of the Quaker's pugilistic knowledge that seemed woefully lacking. The spectators sized the bout up at a glance and were glad when it was over. Plainly speaking, McKeever did not land ten effective blows on Walcott. Some of his friends in the audience attributed his poor showing to nervousness, and perhaps they were right, for he appeared to be rattled before the "go" began. As soon as McKeever entered the ring it could be plainly seen that he had a fearful dread of Walcott. He had a worried look on his face and looked a good deal like a murderer going to his doom. Walcott, on the other hand, was as happy as a small boy on a pleasure trip. He was smiling all over, showing two rows of white, ivory-like teeth. At exactly ten o'clock the bell rang and the battle began. Both men came to the centre and Walcott at once sent his left into McKeever's body, both going to a clinch. Walcott then swung his left to McKeever's jaw, the latter going to the floor. He jumped up quickly and drove his left into Walcott's face. McKeever again banged Walcott in the face, the negro visiting the ribs with a short left swing. Walcott then rushed at McKeever and hooked his left to the wind and then up to the face. At close quarters McKeever shot his right into Walcott's stomach. Walcott for the rest of the round sent in many short left swings to McKeever's ribs and face, the latter failing to land an effective blow. When the bell rang McKeever was bleeding from the nose, and seemed worried. In the second round Walcott continued to make a target of McKeever's ribs. He sent in blow after blow there, only occasionally shifting the punch to the face. Every blow Walcott landed made McKeever grunt, and it could easily be seen that the body punch would eventually wear McKeever down. The Quaker managed now and then to reach Walcott's body with a punch, but it would have no force behind it. Towards the end of the round Walcott planted two pretty left-hand uppercuts on McKeever's chin, the latter countering with light left jabs in Walcott's face. The third round was a repetition of the previous one, Walcott landing repeatedly into McKeever's stomach and ribs with the most powerful kind of short swings. McKeever landed some good blows in this round, getting in four straight jabs on Walcott's face. When the fourth round started McKeever looked tired, and Walcott, as usual, started to finish him. He constantly let fly his terrific left, which frequently connected with either McKeever's ribs or stomach. McKeever showed signs of weariness, and Walcott, realising this, never let up in his vicious slugging. McKeever, evidently feeling he had but one chance to win, tried desperately with a right swing for Walcott's jaw. Most of his attempts were ducked by Walcott, the few that landed having no force behind them. A few seconds before the round was finished Walcott landed a vicious left-hand swing into McKeever's body, doubling him up. The negro followed this blow with two others in the same place, and no doubt would have defeated McKeever then and there if the bell had not rung, saving him. The fifth round was clearly Walcott's. He punched McKeever severely about the body and ribs, the latter being very tired when the bell rang. In the sixth and last round Walcott sailed in to finish his man. After landing a few lefts on his body and being countered with a right on the jaw by the Philadelphian, Walcott suddenly feinted with his left; McKeever dropped his left hand, and Walcott, quick as a flash, drove his right full into the pit of McKeever's body. The Quaker dropped to the floor, where he was counted out by Referee Bullen.

**YOUNG LONG WILL BOX YOUNG** Tyler six or eight rounds if Mr. H. Williams will give a purse.

**BOXING AT WOOLWICH.—BY THE** kind permission of Colonel W. Hunt, commanding the district, Mr. James T. Hulls held his last entertainment of the winter season on Saturday, in the Drill Hall, Woolwich. The building was crowded, and an excellent programme was submitted. The six rounds between Johnny Jones, of Charlton, and Ted Goodfellow, of Woolwich, was a fine display by heavy-weights of scientific ability. Peter Brown, of Woolwich, gained a verdict over Alf Garrity, of Liverpool, in the sixth round of an eight rounds contest, owing to the latter, after a game struggle, being counted out. Details:—Eight Rounds Contest: Charley Wood (Woolwich) beat Bill Lewis (Stepney).—Just when the verdict hung in the balace 45sec. in the seventh round, Lewis unfortunately lost the use of his right, and retired in favour of his opponent. Eight Rounds Contest: Arthur Goldfinch (Woolwich) beat Harry Montague (Woolwich).—A stubborn contest. Goldfinch had won on points. Six Rounds Contest: Johnny Jones (Charlton) beat Ted Goodfellow (Woolwich).—A fine contest for five rounds, but Jones had slightly gained on points and scored well in the sixth and last round. He received a popular verdict. Six Rounds Contest: George Proctor (Southwark) beat Dick Parkes (Tottenham).—An even set-to resulted, and when 1min 45sec had elapsed in the fourth round Parkes received a blow on the point from which he could not recover in the time, and was thus counted out. Six Rounds Contest: Fred Delaney (Woolwich) beat Harry Churchill (Greenwich).—For two rounds Churchill held a slight lead on points, but then the Woolwich lad proved the stronger boxer, and wiped off his losses, and won well at the end of the sixth round. Eight Rounds Contest: Peter Brown (Woolwich) beat Alf Garrity (Liverpool).—There was little in it for two rounds, after which Brown took the lead in some spirited exchanges. When 45sec had elapsed in the sixth round Garrity received one on the point, and was counted out at the expiration of the ten seconds. Six Rounds Contest: Denhardt (Woolwich) beat Angus Griffo (Erith).—Griffo possessed an advantage in height and reach. However, Denhardt did the most of the work, and was adjudged the winner. Eight Rounds Contest: Patsy Haley (Deptford) beat "Wag" Ashley (Bermondsey).—The lads seemed well matched in ability, and were decidedly so in weight, height, and physique. Haley, after the third round, assumed a decided lead on points, and, more than holding his own to the finish, won handsomely.

**LIVERPOOL GYMNASTIC CLUB.**—There was a crowded attendance at this club on Thursday evening last, when Bill Johnson (ex-10st amateur) and Billy Brierley were announced to box the best of fifteen two-minute rounds with 4oz gloves, at catch-weight, for £50 and £25 purse. Both had undergone a course of training. The other contest billed was one of ten two minute rounds between Joe Gerratty, of Liverpool, and Jem Brown, of London, for a £5 purse, at catch-weight. On facing each other for the third round Brown essayed to force matters, but the little 'un mixed it most severely with him. Give and take without flinching was the order, when suddenly Gerratty landed a clean right-hand hook on the point. Brown collapsed, and was counted out, the verdict going to Gerratty. The event of the evening—Brierley v. Johnson—was not productive of the scientific display anticipated, too much clinching necessitating an almost continual call from the referee of "break away." In the third, fourth, and fifth rounds Johnson took a slight lead, Brierley being several times short and wild in his deliveries. In the sixth round there were several severe exchanges, and in the midst of a bustling rally Brierley hooked his opponent, bringing him to the boards head first. Johnson was down about 9secs, and when he stood up was quite dazed. From this point Brierley forced matters, rushing his opponent all over the ring, when the call of "Time" just saved a verdict. On leaving their corners for the seventh round Brierley looked strong, but his opponent staggered, and being knocked all over the ring, the referee very wisely stepped in, putting an end to further useless punishment, and awarded the battle to Brierley.

**GLOVE CONTEST AT STOCKTON.**—Jack Cockburn, of Gateshead, and Tom Gatenby, of Stockton, met in a ten rounds contest, for £25 a-side, at the Victoria Gymnasium, Stockton-on-Tees, on Saturday night. The exchanges were even at the commencement, but subsequently the Gateshead lad forced matters and knocked Gatenby out in the fifth round. Andrew Wood was referee.

**FRED WALLER TO ANDREW WOOD.**—Mr. Jemmy Lowes has offered a purse for the above to box twenty two-minute rounds, with 4oz gloves, to take place at Ginnett's Circus. Waller has accepted, and is waiting for a reply from Wood to complete the match.

**"COCKNEY" COHEN, OF LEEDS,** will box Kennedy, of Sunderland, any number of rounds at 7st 8lb if Mr. J. McJann will give a purse worth training for.

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## BOXING AT WONDERLAND—SATURDAY.

**7st 6lb PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION.** First Bouts: Bout 1.—George M'Carthy (Spitalfields) beat Jack Daley (Mile End). Bout 2.—"Ginger" Owen (Bermondsey) beat Ted Calder (Stratford). Bout 3.—Alf Rosser (Camberwell) beat "Curley" Hatten (Bethnal Green). Bout 4.—"Buck" Shine (Somers Town) beat "Dummy" Forrest (Bethnal Green). Second series: M'Carthy beat Owen.—The referee decided upon another round, ultimately giving his decision to M'Carthy. Shine beat Rosser.—Shine using both hands won well. Final bout (six rounds): Shine beat M'Carthy.—After a desperate struggle Shine was returned the winner of the cup, and M'Carthy received a watch as runner-up. Ten Rounds Contest: Joe Palmer (Bethnal Green) drew with Jack Young (Shoreditch). Six Rounds Contest: Joe Goodwin (Spitalfields) beat Bill Radley (Bethnal Green). Six Rounds Contest: Joe Barrett (Clerkenwell) beat C. Scherber (9st champion of Germany).—Several times the sturdy German caught Joe an unexpected one, which made him shake his head unpleasantly, but science was well to the fore over brute strength, and the Clerkenwell lad proved a popular winner. Six Rounds Contest: Bert Adams (Spitalfields) beat Bill Corbett (Lambeth).

### MONDAY.

**AT THE WHITECHAPEL SALOON,** last Monday evening, there was a large attendance to witness a series of contests, the first being a six rounds contest between Harry Mitchell and Harry Chalk, both of Fulham. Mr. Freeman was timekeeper, and Mr. Cooper referee. Mitchell opened very strongly, and both men were so active that by the end of the fifth round they appeared to have had sufficient. Mitchell deserved the verdict, which he received. This was followed by a six rounds contest between youths named Collins (Fulham) and Leary (Ireland), both being dumb. Collins started in very promising fashion, forcing his opponent all round the ring, and he punished him so much in the second bout that Leary cried enough. The next item was a six rounds contest, the competitors being Pearson, the Scotch laddie, and Ted Goodson, of Haggerston. This was a trifle more scientific than the previous encounters, neither being any the worse for the first bout. Goodson avoided several well meant headers. The second meeting went in favour of the Scotchman, his opponent blowing a good deal. The third bout was of a similar character, and in the next Pearson was the less punished. There was considerable clinching, and in the fifth bout Goodson fell from the stage. The referee then decided a draw. The Haggerston youth was not injured by the fall. Following this was a three rounds trial between Tom Woodley, of Fulham, and Jem Sullivan, both men keeping continually at work, to the delight of the crowd, but neither was considerably damaged. Tom Iles and Mike O'Brien next met in a six rounds contest. O'Brien forced the pace, and had his man down in the first bout, but he quickly rose. Honours were easy in the second meeting, and the third witnessed some smart exchanges. Iles was knocked out in the fourth set-to. A four rounds trial was the ensuing item between Alf Barnard and Corporal Sanders, of South Wales, in which both men showed fairly good form. Jack Norman, of Fulham, and D. Stanley, of the same place, entered the ring for a six rounds contest. Both men meant business, the first bout finding honours easy. Although the lighter of the two, Stanley was the more active in the second meeting, and finished with a point in his favour. The third went the same way, and in the next there was little to choose between them. The subsequent work was only slow, but Stanley caught the eye of the referee.

**HARRY HARRIS AT THE OXFORD.**—An additional attraction to the usually strong programme at this popular resort is the engagement of "Pedlar" Palmer's conqueror, who will spar nightly during the current week. His antagonist last night was Artie Sims, and a very skilful exhibition the men gave. The boxers, on being introduced by Mr. Albert Gilmer, the courteous manager, met with a hearty reception. Sims showed himself quite as good a man as his more famous opponent, and followers of the fistic art will no doubt crowd to see the men perform. Amongst the popular favourites appearing this week are Mr. Eugene Stratton, with "Ma Little Octoroon,' Miss Vesta Victoria, and the M'Naughtons. Mr. Gilmer promises an exceptionally strong programme for next week.

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**POLYTECHNIC B.C. OPEN COMPETITIONS.**—Novices that might be well described by a better name took part in open competitions at the headquarters of the Polytechnic Boxing Club, Regent Street, last Tuesday evening. 10st Competition: S. J. Braund beat C. Sanders.—Sanders retired in the second round. W. Walters beat W. Emberson. A. J. Sheppard a bye. Semi-finals: W. Walters a bye. S. J. Braund beat A. J. Sheppard.—In the last bout both were energetic right and left, but Braund knocked his man down, and out. Final: S. J. Braund beat W. Walters.—Braund found use for a left that floored Walters, and thus ended the competition. 8st Competition: A. Harrap beat W. H. Borgars.—Borgars in the second round cried, "Hold, enough!" W. Harrap a bye with Arthur Westley. Final: A. Harrap beat W. Harrap.—The two brothers smiled deceitfully, and at once urged on their wild career. In less than a minute they were on the ground side by side. William rose with a badly bruised ear, and Arthur a cut under the left eye. 9st Competition: E. G. Whitley beat C. Fryatt.—Whitley got the upper hand of his opponent, and the referee (Jones) decided in favour of Whitley. J. Folios beat F. Kremn.—The last round was a teazer, and they were hard at it when the timekeeper's voice intervened. Folios won. Final: J. Folios beat E. G. Whitley.—Exchanges mutual, and digs with the left were frequent. At times Whitley rose to the occasion in good form, and after a pleasant passage of arms the verdict went to Folios, who did most of the work. 11st Competition: Ayling beat T. C. Halsey.—Ayling knocked down Halsey. On rising it was all out of him, and he stretched out on the ground. S. Precha beat J. Edney.—Immediately they were slipped a fight occurred all over the ring, Edney being receiver-general, and before the end of the first round he held out his hand. Final: J. G. Ayling beat S. Precha.—Frequently in holds and both on the ground, Precha uppermost. Latter bored in and they held. Both very tired. Round 3. No material change. It was a great tug of war, and Ayling won, referee deciding it. Three Rounds Exhibition: Messrs Ellis and Hughes. In a busy and breezy display, which was loudly and deservedly applauded.

**THE LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPIONship of Western Australia.**—On February 27, at the Theatre Royal, Kalgoorlie, the chief town of the Eastern Goldfields, Tim Hegarty defeated Jack Cullen for £50 a-side and the light-weight championship of Western Australia. Cullen was done and counted out in the twelfth round. The gate receipts amounted to £340, of which the winner took 75 per cent. and the loser 25 per cent. Hegarty has never been defeated. It is expected that Hegarty's next match will be with Terry M'Govern.

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**NORAH SULLIVAN AND LE NEVE.**—This pair, who though performing under different names, are husband and wife, we noticed last week working a boxing act at a show in Mare Street, Hackney, Norah and Le Neve alternately acting as money-takers, from whence they proceed to Wormwood Scrubbs for Good Friday and Easter week. This is how the pair spend the winter vacation while their splendid travelling caravan is being re-embellished and decorated prior to taking the road.

**CHARLIE BROADBANK BEING DIS**satisfied with his defeat, will box Bob Wilkinson at 8st, give or take 2lb, for £25 (open to £50) a-side. An answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will oblige.

**JOE GOODWIN WOULD LIKE TO** box Alf Rosser eight or ten rounds for Ernie Hunt's purse.

**BOXING AT SWINDON.—ON THURS**day some boxing took place at Swindon, annually promoted by the amateur gymnastic society of that district, which was of purely local interest. Sid Evans beat A. Chivers, Sid George beat George Whitfield. Joe Huntley beat Jem Jeffries. Second series: Evans beat George. Joe Huntley sparred a bye with Charley Walling. Final bout: Huntley beat Evans.—The extra height and reach of Evans served him at long shots, but boxing with a lot of determination in the last round, Huntley did most work and won an interesting set-to. Light-weight:—First series: Bill Nash beat B rt Fox. Cato Watts sparred a bye with Harry Howell. Final bout: Nash beat Watts.—Nash was always busy, and staying like a top he won a capital set-to. Ten Rounds Contest: Joe Parker (Smithfield) beat George Cooper (Islington).—Parker was a shade the quicker, and defeated Cooper after a smart set-to.

**HARRY WILLIAMS AND "ARK"** Watson are now matched to box twenty rounds, with small gloves, under Queensberry rules, two minutes a round, for £20 a-side, on May 6, 1901. To box at any place at hand. They have now deposited £2 10s each to THE MIRROR OF LIFE as referee and stakeholder.

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**MIKE FLYNN SEEING THAT JEMMY** Davenport has just arrived in England and wants to box any lad at 8st 10lb or 9st, is willing to match Harry Mansfield, of Bristol, to box him the best of fifteen or twenty rounds for the purse offered by Jem Lowes, of Newcastle. An answer to THE MIRROR OF LIFE will be kindly attended to.

## A DUEL BETWEEN AUSTRIANS.

**Three Fall to the Sword and the Fourth has to do an Acrobatic Trick.**

*(Subject of Illustration.)*

DUELS, which are so common on the Continent, where honour is satisfied if the combatants only receive the slightest scratch, have undergone a change lately. The last affair of honour led to three men being wounded, the fourth escaping only by offering a very penitent apology; in fact, he was compelled to perform an acrobatic feat by jumping over the combatant's hat, his other friends being previously singled out and lay senseless on the ground. This little affair was the outcome of a dispute in political circles in Buda-Pesth, in which the name of a well-known lady figured conspicuously.

## THE GIFT TO THE PRETTY CORYPHEE.

**A Basket of Flowers and a Forgotten Bouquet.**

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**AT THE QUEEN'S, POPLAR, BRIEN** McCullough and Co. have revived the famous sketch "Portland." The variety portion of the programme embraces Tom Bass, Walton and Lester, Bob Hutt, &c. Mr. Fred Harris has a gigantic programme for Easter.

**MR. LAWRENCE BROUGH PRE**sents the farcical comedy, "The Lady of Ostend," at the Coronet Theatre this week. The comedy is now in its second year of uninterrupted tour, and the cast embraces Stanley Cooke, Edmund Gurney, in his original part of "The Gripper," and other well-known people. The comedy is preceded by a new one-act play, entitled "At the Rising of the Moon."

**MR. JACK DE FREECE (TO WHOSE** able management much of the London's success is due) has a complete change of company this week, and on Monday next the programme will number twenty-five star artists (count 'em). Space will not allow of my giving a full list, but I may mention that George Robey, Harry Randall, Dunville, Miss Kate Carney, Miss Millie Lindon, Miss Alice Lloyd, the two M'Naughtons, and Frazer and Mac are amongst the merry crowd. Dwellers in Shoreditch will have a good time. Note.—Two performances on Easter Monday.

**ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE** items in the Oxford programme is the turn contributed by Everhart, the hoop twirler. To see him standing in the centre of the stage with half a dozen hoops bowling round him, some between his legs, others "setting to partners," &c., one can imagine they are imbued with life. The delightful foolery indulged in by the M'Naughtons is keenly relished, Joe Elvin in the laughable sketch, "The Bookie," Miss Vesta Victoria in her new "See-saw" song, dainty Miss Ida Rene (who looks awfully fetching in a smart blue dress) sings a taking song "Art," and many others contribute to the programme. Mr. Gilmer has a tremendous programme for the holidays.

**MR. FRANK GLENISTER INFORMS** me that he has engaged the following artists for the Easter Holidays:—Harry Randall, Miss Ida Rene, George Mozart, Griffiths Brothers, Miss Nell Gwynne, Geo. Lashwood, Miss Rosa Glenn, Mark Melford and Co., Abdullah Arabs, Master Crook (the wonderful boy soprano), Binns and Binns, Miss Ethel Dove, Dunville, Miss Millie Legarde, M'Naughtons, Levey Sisters, Zanettos, Miss Alice Lloyd, Miss Gwennie Hasto, Griffin and Dubois, St. James's Quintette, Agustus, Letts and Minni, Dan Crawley, George Robey, and a crowd of choristers (ladies and gentlemen) from "Florodora," who will warble the successful "Pretty Maidens" number from that opera. They will be assisted by Miss Edith Housley, who will sing "Tact" and "Inkling."

**THE GARRICK IS CLOSED THIS** week, and will reopen on Monday next for the last six nights of "Peril." The play has been drawing crowds since its revival, and has given general satisfaction. Its clearly unfolded plot and sympathetic and stirring incidents, and above all the delightful acting of all engaged therein, stamped success upon the venture. We expect much from that sound character actor Fred Kerr, but this last assumption of his Sir Woodbine Grafton (the lozenge-chewing old gentleman) has surprised even his warmest admirers. Miss Violet Vanbrugh as the imprudent Lady Ormond, Leonard Boyne as the good angel all round in the shape of the Country Doctor, C. Hers (a capital boy), and many other well-known favourites complete the cast. The interest of the play is maintained throughout.

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